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**German questions and recommendations to
Netherlands**

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Madam President,

Germany salutes the Netherlands' longstanding and sincere commitment to human rights.

Germany commends the Netherlands for having implemented a large number of recommendations of the first UPR-cycle.

We especially commend measures to combat trafficking in persons, for example the renewal of the mandate of the Task Force on Human Trafficking, the expansion of its membership and the approval of its action plan 2011 – 2014.

We also welcome that a comprehensive plan of action to fight child abuse is being drafted.

We have the following two questions to the delegation of the Netherlands:

1. We would like to know where the parliamentary process to ratify the convention on rights of persons with disabilities stands?
2. We would also like to know when the national human rights institution, whose establishment was decided in 2011, will be operational?

I thank you Madam President.