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**German questions and recommendations to
Philippines**

Madam President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of the Philippines to the second cycle of the UPR, commends the many positive developments in the human rights situation in the country and the active role taken by the government. We appreciate in particular the accession to the Rome Statute and to the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

However, Germany is concerned about remaining human rights violations. Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to the Philippines:

Germany recommends to effectively fight against extrajudicial killings, including by non-State actors, by strengthening accountability mechanisms and implementing the necessary reforms identified by the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

Germany recommends to carry out impartial investigations into all allegations of enforced disappearances perpetrated by law enforcement officers.

Germany recommends to ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR.

With regard to detention facilities, Germany recommends

- **to improve prison conditions in line with the BJMP Modernization Act and with special regard to assuring the separation of child and juvenile from adult prisoners**
- **to communicate on a regular basis to the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines a list of all detainees indicating their place of detention.**
- **to ensure that the age of criminal responsibility is not lowered**

Finally we would like to thank the Philippines for its commitment and for the excellent cooperation in the fight against trafficking in persons.

I thank you.

