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**German questions and recommendations to
South Africa**

Madam President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of South Africa. We commend South Africa's commitment to the full realisation of all human rights, as enshrined in its Constitution. In the light of remaining human rights challenges, we do, however, invite the government of South Africa to "make real the promise of the post-apartheid era in all respects."

Regarding freedom of the press, UNESCO that the Protection of Information Bill had the potential to undermine the right to access information and freedom of expression under the pretext of national security or national interest.

Germany recommends to guarantee the freedom of the press, also by avoiding self-censorship, through the abrogation of the Protection of Information Bill.

In July 2010, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights noted that perpetrators of attacks against non-nationals had largely been able to rely on impunity. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants noted the difficult material living conditions of migrants, including overcrowding, poor nutrition, lack of sanitation and little access to clean water, as well as the lack of access to adequate health-care.

Germany recommends to protect and fulfil migrants' rights, in particularly by effectively prosecuting offences committed against them and by improving their living conditions, also through the access to adequate health-care services.

UNICEF noted in 2011 that one in three children had experienced hunger or was at risk of hunger and that under-5 mortality was at the same level as it had been in 1990, with 62 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Germany recommends to fight against child mortality, in particular by improving children's living conditions and their access to adequate food.

I thank you.