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**German questions and recommendations to  
Tunisia**

by

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Madam President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Tunisia to the second cycle of the UPR.

Germany congratulates Tunisia on the peaceful democratic process it has embarked upon and supports the new government of Tunisia in the implementation of its human rights commitments and obligations.

With regard to recent reports on insufficient prison conditions as well as on torture and ill-treatment of prisoners in Tunisian prisons we would like to know what the government of Tunisia intends to do in order to improve conditions in state prisons and ensure human rights for prisoners. Would the government for example consider allowing regular visits by independent international and national bodies to places where people are deprived of their liberty?

Germany sees the drafting process of the new Constitution in Tunisia on a good path and **recommends to integrate into Tunisia's new constitution**

- **the abolition of the death penalty,**
- **the “Code du Statut Personnel”, in order to uphold women's rights,**

- **important human rights guarantees**, including the right to non-discrimination, freedom of expression, association and assembly, the independence of the judiciary, protection from torture and other forms of ill-treatment, **protection of the rights of minorities**, the right to life, and the protection of economic, social and cultural rights.

I thank you Madam President.

