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**German questions and recommendations to the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**by**

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Madam President,

Germany salutes the United Kingdom's constant and sincere commitment to human rights and would like to ask the following questions:

- 1.) In the context of **counter-terrorism**, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief was concerned about reports that Muslims are regularly subjected to screening of their personal data, house searches, interrogations and arrests solely because of their religious affiliation and noted that several provisions in counter-terrorism legislation seemed to be overly broad and vaguely worded. The Human Rights Committee remained concerned about the use of racial profiling in the exercise of the so called "stop and search" powers and recommended that the UK should ensure that they are exercised in a non-discriminatory manner.  
**Germany would like to know the UK's response to these concerns.**

- 2.) Since the UK is currently, like Germany, Sweden and Roumania, participating in the 3 year EU-"COPING"-study on the **effects of the imprisonment of a parent to a child**, Germany would like to know
  - a. how the UK assesses the interim results of the study and
  - b. what steps the UK has taken to improve support for children with parents in prison.

- 3.) In 2011, UNHCR recommended that the UK should introduce a **procedure for determining statelessness claims**, and should ensure that the human rights of undocumented stateless persons are respected in accordance with international human rights law and the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

**Germany would like to know what the UK has done in order to address this recommendation.**

Finally, Germany recommends that the UK fully recognizes the **human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.**

I thank you, Madame President.

