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**German questions and recommendations to  
Argentina**

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Madam President,

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

Germany commends Argentina for its continued commitment to ensure highest standards of respect for human rights in the country and for promoting human rights worldwide. We note with appreciation Argentinas efforts to come to terms with the past of the military dictatorship.

Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to Argentina:

- **Germany recommends that Argentina continues to improve conditions in the country's prisons and detention facilities, especially in provincial detention facilities.**
- **With a view to recent legislation on media and on the press, Germany recommends to ensure that freedom of expression and freedom of the press are fully respected at all times.**
- **We take note of the Argentine Supreme Court's decision of 12 March 2012 regarding effective access for female rape victims to safe and legal abortions and trust that the Government of Argentina will implement appropriate measures in this regard.**
- **With regard to recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on adequate Housing, Germany recommends to guarantee the right to an effective defence in eviction proceedings, including for those who cannot afford a lawyer.**
- **Germany commends steps taken to pass a law ensuring public access to information held by state authorities and recommends to fully enact this law.**

I thank you.