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**German questions and recommendations to
Benin**

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Madam President,

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

Germany commends Benin for abolishing the death penalty and for ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Germany also welcomes the government of Benin's efforts and progress in combatting Female Genital Mutilation and strengthening women rights.

However, Germany is concerned that human rights violations still remain and would like to offer the following four recommendations to Benin:

- **to continue the fight against discrimination of women by, inter alia, effectively implementing the law on the protection of women from domestic abuse**
- **to strictly enforce the prohibition of Female Genital Education, inter alia by raising awareness amongst women about the prohibition**
- **to strengthen the judicial system by means of financial support and effective anti-corruption measures,**
- **to formally abolish any punishment on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity**

I thank you.