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**German questions and recommendations to  
Ghana**

**by**

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Madam President,

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

We appreciate the measures taken by the government of Ghana in order to improve the human rights situation. As an example, I would like to point out that the access to safe drinking water and sanitation has continuously improved.

With regard to remaining challenges in the field of human rights, Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to Ghana:

- 1. to continue the current practice of granting clemency and commuting death sentence and to establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its final abolition,**
- 2. to take immediate action against discrimination of women by effectively enforcing the women's right to equal treatment as it is guaranteed in Ghana's constitution, for example, by ensuring and promoting access to education,**
- 3. to effectively prevent and prosecute Female Gender Mutilation.**
- 4. To strengthen legal advice and assistance for people in need, especially in rural areas, in order to enable them to enforce their rights.**

I thank you.