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**German questions and recommendations to
Japan**

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Madam President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Japan to the second cycle of the UPR. We commend the overall excellent human rights situation in the country and the active role taken by the government. We appreciate Japan's commitment to implement most of the recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR.

Germany would like to make the following recommendations to Japan:

- 1. to establish a moratorium on executions and to initiate a broad public debate on the question of the death penalty with a view to its final abolition.**
- 2. to implement the recommendation given by the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to conduct a comprehensive study on the situation of minority women and further recommends to develop a national strategy to improve the living conditions for minority women.**
- 3. to ensure full compliance of the substitute detention system (Daiyo Kangoku) with all guarantees contained in article 14 ICCPR.**

I thank you Madame President.