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**German questions and recommendations to  
Peru**

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Madam President,

Germany commends the government of Peru for its persistent commitment to improving the human rights situation in Peru.

Germany especially welcomes the recent legislation of “Consulta Previa”, which establishes a mandatory consultation with indigenous peoples before a decision affecting their rights or their traditional territories is taken.

**Germany recommends to ensure that this new legislation is effectively implemented in order to protect the rights of the indigenous population.**

Germany is concerned about slow progress with regard to achieving accountability for past human rights violations.

**Germany reiterates its recommendation of the first UPR cycle for Peru to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, in particular with regard to victim’s compensation and institutional reforms.**

The situation in Peruvian prisons remains worrying, as they continue to be overcrowded and suspects in pre-trial confinement are held together with convicted prisoners. We welcome plans of the Government of Peru to tackle the issue of overcrowding with an “emergency plan”.

**What is the strategy on reducing the number of persons in pre-trial confinement and how will the government ensure timely court proceedings?**

I thank you.