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**German questions and recommendations to  
the Republic of Korea**

Madam President,

Germany commends the active role taken by the government in implementing recommendations of the first UPR cycle and would like to draw the attention of the delegation to the following issues:

1. Germany regrets that the Republic of Korea has not yet abolished the death penalty. **Germany recommends converting the present *de facto* moratorium on executions into a formal moratorium .**

2. Germany is concerned about the long sentences handed down against conscientious objectors to military service. **Germany recommends abolishing imprisonment and establishing a non-military service for conscientious objectors.**

3. **Germany recommends defining more clearly the regulations of the National Security Law.**

4. Germany is concerned about the situation of single mothers and their children and **recommends the establishment of a governmental authority to support and advise them.**

5. **Finally, Germany recommends the establishment of a national adoption centre and an obligation to register right after birth. In this regard Germany recommends the Republic of Korea to withdraw its reservations on Article 21a of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

I thank you, Madam President.