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**German questions and recommendations to
Sri Lanka**

by

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Madam President,

Germany appreciates the government's good will to improve the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. However, Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to Sri Lanka:

Germany recommends

- 1. implementing the recommendations contained in the LLRC report and the Report of the Panel of Experts of the UN Secretary-General in order to ensure accountability for all atrocities allegedly committed during the final phase of the civil war and thus laying the ground for long-term reconciliation, in accordance with Human Rights Council Resolution 19/2;**
- 2. taking all necessary steps to strengthen and ensure the independence of the National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles and the commitments made during the previous review;**
- 3. to immediately establish a central register for all persons missing or in custody accessible to family members and legal representatives;**
- 4. to adopt the draft bill on witness and victim protection.**

I thank you Madame President.