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**German questions and recommendations to
Barbados**

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Mister President,

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

Germany is concerned about gender-based violence (including domestic violence), sexual harassment and discrimination against women. Germany is equally concerned that consensual homosexual relations are still criminalized, and no laws prohibit discrimination against a person on the basis of sexual orientation.

Which measures does Barbados envisage to fight the discrimination and criminalization of LGBT persons?

Germany appreciates the signing of the ILO Convention No. 189, which affirms the fundamental rights of domestic workers and sets minimum labor standards, by the government of Barbados.

Germany recommends to ratify this convention in order to protect the rights of domestic workers.

Germany further recommends

- 1. to follow up on the request of the Inter-American Court to remove the mandatory death sentences for murder and treason and to ratify the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to abolish the death penalty.**
- 2. ratifying the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol and subsequently implementing them**
- 3. abolishing corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure for children.**

I thank you Mister President.