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**German questions to  
Luxembourg**

Mister President,

We would like to thank the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for its informative National Report and commends the overall excellent human rights situation and the active role taken by the government.

Germany noted with appreciation that Luxembourg has acceded to and ratified a number of international human rights instruments since the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We also commend the Grand Duchy for establishing a human rights commission in compliance with the Paris principles in 2008.

Germany notes that the Council of Europe has called on Luxembourg to allow all persons held in police custody for any reason access to private consultations with their lawyer from the beginning of the deprivation of liberty.

**Germany would like to know whether persons held in police custody have a statutory right to communicate with a lawyer in private and under which circumstances such requests can be or are routinely denied by police or security organs.**

We also note that both UNHCR and the Council of Europe have voiced concerns over the Grand-Ducal Regulation of June 2012 which reduces the monthly allowance amount available to asylum seekers in Luxembourg and created additional grounds for its withdrawal or reduction.

**Germany would like to know what policy considerations have been the reason for the reduction and how Luxembourg has calculated the reduction in the monthly allowance.**

I thank you Mister President.