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**German questions to
Romania**

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Mister President,

Germany would like to extend a warm welcome to the Romanian delegation and express its gratitude for the informative National Report. Germany commends Romania for having implemented a large number of recommendations of the first UPR-cycle.

Germany would like to ask the following questions:

1. Concerning the protection of the human rights of ethnic minorities, Germany acknowledges the comprehensive efforts undertaken by the Romanian government in order to achieve progress with regard to Romanian citizens belonging to the Roma minority. However, problems remain especially in terms of the effective implementation of the measures taken. As pointed out by the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Roma remain marginalized and excluded from society, and face strong prejudices from the majority of the population.

Germany therefore would like to ask what measures the Romanian government is taking to enhance access of citizens belonging to the Roma minority to education, health care, adequate housing and the labour market in an effective and verifiable manner.

2. Regarding the human rights of persons with disabilities, Germany is concerned about persisting problems hindering the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in the Romanian society.

In particular Germany would like to know what legislative and other steps the government of Romania is planning to take to guarantee quality and inclusive education for children with disabilities.

I thank you Mister President.