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**German questions and recommendations to
Serbia**

Mister President,

Germany warmly welcomes the delegation of Serbia to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks Serbia for its informative national report.

Germany notes with appreciation the progress made since the last UPR, notably obtaining the A-status for the national Human Rights Institution, the Ombudsman.

Germany recognizes initial steps to improve the situation of Roma in the education system, leading to an increased enrolment rate of Roma children.

Germany still remains concerned at reports both from treaty bodies and other stakeholders about the high level of illiteracy among adult Roma and high drop-out rates before graduation

Germany would like to learn about measures taken by the government to address this situation and especially to ensure higher education and vocational training for Roma children.

In Serbia, there still lives a high number of refugees, including from Kosovo, whom Serbia considers as internally displaced persons. Germany would be interested to know more about progress made in ensuring full respect of their human rights including the rights to health, adequate housing and education.

Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to Serbia:

1. Ensure that LGBT persons in Serbia can exercise their human rights freely and in security, including fundamental freedoms such as the freedom of expression and the freedom of assembly and association.
2. Undertake effective legal and administrative measures to ensure greater security of tenure for Roma, especially for those living in informal setting.

I thank you Mister President.