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**German questions and recommendations to
Cameroon**

German Statement

Mister President,

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

Germany recognizes constant efforts of the government to strengthen human rights in Cameroon. With regard to its recommendations in the first UPR-cycle, Germany commends the ratification of the OP-CRC concerning children in armed conflict ~~and regarding child pornography.~~

Germany offers the following recommendations to Cameroon:

- 1. Germany reiterates the recommendation to ratify the Rome Statute, the Convention on Enforced Disappearances and the Optional Protocol on the ~~Convention on the Rights of the Child.~~ Sale of children, child Prostitution and Child Pornography.**
- 2. Decriminalize same-sex relationships, protect LGBT from violence from other members of the society and fight against prejudices against LGBT persons by awareness raising campaigns.**
- 3. Decriminalize defamation, reform the legislation regulating the press, ensuring more freedom for journalist and writers.**
- 4. Adopt a comprehensive public policy and law to eradicate female genital mutilation.**

I thank you Mister President.

Questions in advance:

Germany would like to know what measures the government envisages to fight child trafficking and practices of child slavery.

Furthermore, Germany would like to know which steps Cameroon has taken to safeguard the rights of the indigenous people of the community of Baka, Mbororo and Pygmy especially with regards to the right to their ancestral land and the natural resources found there.

