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Cape Verde**

Statement

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United Nations**

Mister President,

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

We note with appreciation the signing of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Germany recognizes initial steps taken by the Government of Cape Verde for the follow-up on recommendations of the first UPR cycle, including combating gender-based violence.

However, we remain concerned about reports of cases of mistreatment of women and children as well as persons with disabilities. We would like to know what further measures are foreseen by the government to protect these vulnerable groups.

Germany also welcomes efforts undertaken to strengthen the functioning of the judicial system. Nevertheless, concerns remain with regard to the efficiency of the judicial system, its integrity and independence. We are worried about reports of mistreatment of prisoners and detainees, overcrowded prison cells, the extension of pre-trial custodies and lack of access to a legal adviser and medical care.

Germany offers the following recommendations to the Government of Cape Verde:

- 1. Enhance efforts to eliminate existing discriminatory stereotypes regarding the roles and responsibilities of women and men in family as well as in society at large.**

2. Take measures that address the root causes of the very worrisome increase in crime rates over the past years.

3. In this regard, also ensure the adequate functioning of the judicial system in order to combat all forms of impunity and abuse of authority.

I thank you Mister President.

