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Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus wishes to thank [*head of delegation*] and the rest of the members of the German delegation for the presentation of Germany's National Report and welcome them to the UPR session.

My delegation acknowledges the significant work carried out by Germany with regard to the recommendations from its last review in 2009, which clearly demonstrates the German commitment to human rights. Besides, the latter is clearly evidenced by Germany's endeavors in the Human Rights Council and its contributions to other international human rights bodies

We would also like to commend the Government of Germany for all the measures taken to further improve the overall situation of respect for human rights in the country. Cyprus welcomes in particular the latest German "Human Rights Action Plan", one of the central elements of which has to do with the continuation of the fight against racism and xenophobia through targeted measures which strengthen social cohesion, democratic participation and a democratic community culture.

We have two recommendations:

1. Continue to fervently implement the "Human Rights Action Plan".
2. Remain on course as regards the fight against xenophobia and racism, *inter alia*, by providing appropriate education to people about the dangers of extremist and racist ideology, and by working to prevent radicalisation or individuals drifting towards extremist groups.

I thank you Mister President.