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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of the delegation of Germany.

Italy praises Germany for the high level of protection of human rights achieved in the country.

Italy commends the efforts undertaken to guarantee a better realisation of the right to education for children with a migration background. However, Italy notes that the German educational system presents some characteristics which, due to rigorous criteria in evaluation of pupils and the early selection of their scholastic careers, may make it difficult especially for the children of immigrants to accede to higher education. In this regard, could Germany elaborate more on the specific measures which intend to take in order to overcome possible obstacles to the equal access to higher education for all the pupils?

Italy notes that the institution of Jugendamt continue raising several concerns, especially in terms of overlapping and interference with the judiciary. We note that in the last cycle Germany accepted to establish a form of effective judicial control over administrative decisions of Jugendamt. What is the stage of the implementation of this recommendation? Does Germany intend to take into consideration the possibility to reform such institution, taking into consideration the best interest of the child?

I thank you, Mr. President.