

**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
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Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of Germany and notes with satisfaction that over the past four years Germany has dedicated itself to the implementation of the recommendations accepted in the 1st UPR session. Kyrgyzstan commends the new measures taken to strengthen the legal and institutional framework pertaining to the protection against discrimination and racism.

In this regard, Kyrgyzstan fully supports the National Action Plan against racism that provides the basis of action for numerous measures against racism, which are regularly evaluated. In our opinion, an important player is the Federal Agency for Civic Education, which acts preventively by sharing knowledge and offering concrete assistance to argue against extremist, racist and xenophobic attitudes and slogans.

We find it commendable that the Federal Government assigns key importance to combating politically-motivated criminal offences against Sinti and Roma, Muslims, members of the Jewish community and Germans of foreign origin. These criminal acts are recorded under the term "hate crimes".

Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan recommends paying attention to the enforcement of laws against racial discrimination in the labour market, the development of a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and adoption of a comprehensive policy to ensure effective implementation of the principles of equality and non-discrimination in respect of all.

Mr. President,

My delegation is confident that Germany will continue to pursue the issue of human rights at both national and international level and wishes them success in this work!

I thank you!