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**German questions and recommendations to
Central African Republic**

German National Statement

Mr President,

Germany is deeply concerned about the current situation in the Central African Republic and commends the government for its cooperation with the Human Rights Council in addressing the human rights challenges facing the country.

The Secretary General has recommended that the National Transitional Council be reformed through an inclusive and transparent consultative process. This should lead to a more credible and gender-balanced body. What measures has the government taken to ensure that the transition process takes place in accordance with human rights principles, in particular transparency and inclusiveness?

Germany would like to offer the following recommendations to the government of Central African Republic:

- 1) To ensure the immediate and unconditional release of all children recruited and used by armed groups, in particular through the immediate issuance of clear orders on all levels, and to take all measures required to prevent any future recruitment, and to ensure that child victims of armed conflict have access to adequate care, counseling and assistance with recovery and reintegration into their communities.
- 2) To strengthen the rule of law by providing adequate human rights training and education to members of the administration and the judiciary, including on the rights of suspects, accused and detainees during criminal proceedings.
- 3) To officially abolish the death penalty still contained in the Penal Code of 2010 and to accede to the 2nd Optional Protocol of the ICCPR.

Thank you, Mr. President