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**German questions and recommendations to
Israel**

Statement

by

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In addition, Germany would like to submit the following recommendations:

- 1) Germany recommends that Israel consider taking appropriate legislative steps to allow civil law marriage in Israel.

- 2) We further recommend that Israel ratify the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, and take appropriate steps to ensure that the human rights of refugees and asylum-seekers are fully respected, including with regard to access to health care and social welfare services.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Questions in advance:

- 1) Several treaty bodies (Human Rights Committee, CESCR, CERD and CEDAW) have made recommendations regarding the protection of the human rights of Bedouin citizens living in the Negev. What measures does Israel take in order to ensure equal access to education, employment and public health for persons belonging to Bedouin communities? How does Israel make sure that Bedouin communities are effectively included in public planning processes that affect their livelihoods, as well as the location and conditions of their housing?

- 2) In 2013, both UNICEF and the Committee on the Rights of the Child expressed concerns about the administration of justice regarding persons under the age of 18 years. What provisions are in place to ensure that children under the age of 18 are heard by juvenile courts which are not military in nature, and treated in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Beijing Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice? What measures does Israel take to make sure that the arrest, detention or imprisonment of a child is used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time, as stipulated by the CRC? What laws and regulations exist to protect children in detention against all forms of ill-treatment?