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**German questions and recommendations to New Zealand**

**German National Statement**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of New Zealand to the UPR and commends New Zealand for its significant progress achieved since the last review, in particular with regard to the protection of children and women against violence, especially in the family sphere, and welcomes the endorsement of the Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families. Germany commends New Zealand's measures in removing socio-economic differences, especially in regard to Maori. Germany would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. To further improve programs that address violence against women and children.
2. To reduce the remaining socio-economic differences for Maoris as well as Pacific Islanders, and increase efforts in the fight against child poverty.
3. To speed up the rebuilding and compensation process in the aftermath of the Canterbury earthquakes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Germany has submitted the following advance questions:

1. Which measures are under way to overcome persisting socio-economic disparities between Maoris and Pacific Islanders in comparison with other New Zealand citizens?
2. What is the government doing to fight the increase of child poverty?
3. With regard to the measures undertaken by the government to reduce family violence, what were the effects of these measures since their implementation and are there further measures in the planning?
4. Does New Zealand plan to codify social, economic and cultural rights in its internal legislation?