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**Review of Slovakia**

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**German Statement**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Slovakia to the UPR and commends Slovakia for its progress achieved since the last review, in particular with regard to improvements within the judicial system and public administration. We encourage the Government of Slovakia to continue its path of reform, including its fight against corruption.

Germany remains, however, concerned about the situation of certain minorities in Slovakia, in particular Roma and LGBTI communities.

We are worried about reports describing the construction of walls by local populations to separate their residential area from the Roma community. We are also concerned about the high rate of school drop-outs among Roma children. We would like to ask the delegation of Slovakia: What measures have been taken to address these issues and what is being done against segregation of Roma children in schools?

Germany would also be interested to learn more about the efforts undertaken to increase acceptance of LGBTI and fight discrimination against the LGBTI community.

In addition, following up on the last UPR, Germany would like to know what progress has been made in reducing the unequal treatment of women as well as in better protecting women from domestic violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.