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German questions and recommendations to Vanuatu

German National Statement

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu to the UPR and commends the efforts of Vanuatu to further improve the human rights situation in the country, *inter alia* the measures introduced to provide free primary education, the progress made with respect to access to safe drinking water, and the first steps taken to establish a National Human Rights Institution.

Germany would like to address the following recommendations to Vanuatu:

1. To take measures to improve access to grants for primary education, to make primary education compulsory, to improve the quality of primary education in remote regions and to increase the facilities to obtain secondary education throughout the country;
2. To proceed with the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in compliance with the Paris Principles;
3. To take steps to further enhance the capacity of the judiciary, especially with regard to the backlog of court cases and the staffing of the Public Prosecutor's and the Public Solicitor's Offices;
4. To take further steps to ensure the progressive realization for all inhabitants of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Germany has submitted the following advance questions:

1. While recognizing the progress made in respect of access to safe drinking water, what measures does the government of Vanuatu take to ensure the full realisation of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation?
2. Does the government of Vanuatu plan to extend free education beyond the phase of primary education?