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German questions and recommendations to

Brunei Darussalam

Statement

by

Germany

Mister President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam and acknowledges the state's success in advancing the social and economic development of the country.

Germany wishes to make recommendations in four areas:

1. Germany recommends that Brunei Darussalam accedes to all core international human rights instruments, in particular to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. Germany recommends that Brunei Darussalam attaches greater importance to the promotion of civil and political rights, recognizes the indivisibility and interdependence of human rights, and grants freedom of speech and other civil liberties to its citizens.
3. Germany strongly urges that Brunei Darussalam refrain from any steps to extend the application of the death penalty or otherwise alter the legal system in a manner that would violate human rights.
4. Germany recommends that Brunei Darussalam raises the minimum age of criminal responsibility, explicitly prohibits life imprisonment for persons under the age of 18.

Thank you.