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**German questions and recommendations to
Egypt**

German National Statement

Thank you, Mr. President.

Germany welcomes the delegation of Egypt to the UPR.

We would like to ask the following questions:

1. What measures is Egypt taking to prevent violence and ill-treatment in detention, including torture as well as sexual and gender-based violence?
2. Germany is concerned about the summary death sentences by the criminal court in Minya against 220 persons. How will Egypt ensure compliance with due process of law for all defendants?

Germany would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Protect the freedom of association, in accordance with the Egyptian Constitution, by adopting a new NGO law fully in line with international standards and best practices, including on foreign funding.
2. Protect the freedom of assembly, enshrined in the Constitution, by modifying the protest law to allow public assemblies through a simple notification process.
3. Criminalize domestic violence against women, ratify the Optional Protocol of CEDAW and lift the CEDAW reservations
4. Revise the penal code in order to guarantee the freedom of expression, and protect journalists from violence and harassment.
5. Announce a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition. Pending abolition, its application should be limited

Thank you, Mr. President.