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**German recommendations to
Madagascar**

German National Statement

Thank you, Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation and thanks her Excellency for the presentation of the national report this morning. Let me also thank your Excellency for responding to the advance questions posed by Germany.

While we note the efforts made since the end of the political crisis to return to the implementation of the recommendations from the 1st UPR cycle, we remain deeply concerned by the human rights situation in the country and urge the government to accelerate its efforts in this regard.

Germany **recommends** Madagascar:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and to take effective legal and practical steps to combat gender-based violence, stereotypes and to promote gender equality;
2. To abolish the death penalty and in the meantime, to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty as quickly as possible and to sign and ratify the 2nd Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
3. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and to ensure that all officials strictly observe the detention regulations defined by Malagasy law as well as the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, in accordance with international human rights standards;

4. To progressively realize the right to health to the maximum of its available resources by ensuring the equal and non-discriminatory access of all persons, including women and children to quality and low-cost community health care and the respect of this right by everybody, including “traditional leaders” and other stakeholders.

Germany hopes that the suggested recommendations will be taken into account sincerely. Thank you, Mr. President.