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**German questions and recommendations to
Guyana**

National Statement

by

Germany

Mr. President,

Germany appreciates the commitment Guyana has made in regard to the realization of human rights in its first UPR in 2010, in particular the ratification and accession by Guyana to various international instruments.

However, Germany remains concerned that the de facto moratorium on the death penalty has not yet been translated into law.

Hence, we recommend that Guyana abolish the death penalty in law and ratifies the 2nd Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Furthermore, we are worried that child abuse continues to occur frequently and corporal punishment remains lawful.

We therefore recommend that Guyana develop a comprehensive national strategy and to adopt a national coordinating framework to ban all corporal punishment against children. We also recommend intensifying awareness-raising campaigns to strengthen the protection of children's rights.

Thank you.

Questions in advance:

1. Despite having accepted the recommendation made during its UPR in 2010, Guyana has not established an independent national human rights institution yet. So Germany wishes to follow up this recommendation and would like to know what steps and measures Guyana is taking to establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles)?
2. Does the Government of Guyana consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT)? How is independent monitoring currently assured in detention and prison facilities?

