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**German questions and recommendations to  
Kiribati**

**German National Statement**

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Mr. President,

Germany welcomes Kiribati to the UPR review. Germany commends Kiribati's efforts to further strengthen human rights protection and implement the recommendations of the first round. Germany especially appreciates the establishment of a dedicated task force on human rights and the adoption or elaboration of legislation and comprehensive policies to counter domestic violence and to protect the rights of children.

Germany would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Consider strengthening the independence of the Kiribati National Human Rights Task Force so that it complies with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue to vigorously implement the National Approach to Eliminating Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Kiribati to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights for all persons, and accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.
3. Continue the elaboration of the National Disability Policy and ensure effective implementation, in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention.
4. Ensure that the Child Work Policy complies with human rights obligations and standards.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**Question in advance:**

1. Has Kiribati applied for accreditation of the Kiribati National Human Rights Taskforce with the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of human rights (ICC), and if not, does it intend to do so?

2. What practical measures have been undertaken to protect the rights of persons with disabilities?
3. What steps have been undertaken by the Kiribati government in order to ensure input by civil society into the UPR-process?

