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**German questions and recommendations to  
Andorra**

**German National Statement**

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Mr. President,

Germany warmly welcomes the delegation of Andorra to the UPR and commends the government for the significant progress achieved since the 1st cycle.

Despite the many positive developments, Germany remains concerned about persisting discrepancies between the law on paper and in reality. A gap that must be bridged is for instance the need to increase awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities and the removal of all barriers, physical and cultural, which impede persons with disabilities from living in dignity.

Germany wishes to offer the following recommendations:

1. To continue efforts and to fully implement to amend the Criminal Code in order to prohibit the trafficking and sale of children for all purposes and to extend criminal liability to legal persons.
2. To address the rights of those individuals detained while awaiting trial, in particular foreigners, whose cases often experienced prolonged delays.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Question in advance:

1. Does the Government of Andorra pursue its commitment to the signing and ratification of international conventions by ratifying fundamental instruments, in particular the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as well as the Optional Protocols thereto?
2. Could you tell us if Andorra stands ready to reconsider the possibility of setting up a national human rights institution accredited by the International Coordination Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights?
3. Does the Government of Andorra take steps to strengthen educational measures and intensify cooperation with civil society organizations and the media, with a view to eradicating traditional stereotypes that perpetuate discrimination and violence against women?

