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**German recommendations to  
Croatia**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes its fellow EU member state Croatia to the UPR.

We commend Croatia for continuously improving its human rights record over the past years, for actively promoting human rights and for cooperating with its neighbours and with civil society. We encourage Croatia to continue on this path.

However, we see persisting shortcomings with regard to the duration of judicial trials and in the field of non-discrimination of women and of minorities, in particular the Serb minority and Sinti and Roma. We are also concerned about discrimination against LGBTI persons.

In this regard, we wish to make the following recommendations:

1. To take effective measures to end all forms of discrimination against ethnic minorities, in particular the Serb minority and Sinti and Roma;
2. To take concrete measures to fight all forms of violence against women, including by ratifying the Istanbul Convention.
3. To realize the right to adequate housing by ensuring the right of post-war returnees to recover privately owned housing, regardless of their ethnic background, and by improving housing conditions in returnee communities.
4. To investigate and prosecute all cases of arbitrary detention in psychiatric hospitals and social care institution, in line with the recommendation made by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

We wish Croatia the best of success in its endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. President.