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**German national statement  
Honduras**

Mr President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Honduras and thanks for its national report.

Germany acknowledges the efforts of Honduras in implementing international human rights standards, especially partial reforms of its penal code to ensure legal protection against torture as well as against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Germany remains concerned about persistent human rights violations, particularly in the fields of right to life, widespread impunity and discrimination against women, children, LGBTI persons as well as the indigenous population. We encourage further activities particularly in these areas.

Germany therefore offers the following recommendations:

1. Take additional steps to guarantee equal access for women to appropriate health services, especially sexual and reproductive health services, and ratify the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW.
2. Strengthen efforts to reform the justice and security sector with a view to fighting corruption and strengthening the independence of the judiciary, including by fostering effective supervision and disciplinary control of criminal justice institutions and by providing adequate supply of financial and human resources.
3. Involve civil society more actively in developing national human rights policies, strategies and action plans.

Thank you, Mr President.

**Questions submitted in advance:**

1. Whilst acknowledging the progress the government of Honduras has made in combatting violence and impunity, Germany would like to encourage the Government of Honduras to dedicate more resources to these fundamental issues and would like to learn about on-going efforts in this regard.
2. Germany is concerned about reports of child abuse, especially sexual abuse and domestic violence. Germany would like to learn about national awareness programs and strategic protection systems, including their funding.
3. Following its first UPR review, Honduras took some legal steps to support victims of sexual and gender based violence, trafficking and sexual exploitation. Nonetheless, there is a lack of concrete support programs. Germany would be interested in learning about practical protection and support systems.

