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**German recommendations to**  
**Jamaica**

**German National Statement**

Mr President,

The German delegation welcomes Jamaica to the UPR review. Germany deeply regrets the delayed submission of the Jamaican national report. Furthermore, we are concerned with the lack of involvement of civil society in this UPR cycle.

Germany remains strongly concerned about Jamaica's human rights situation in particular continued violence against women and LGBTI people as well as a lack of investigations of allegations of extrajudicial killings.

Germany appreciates that Jamaica has ratified the second Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We would like to encourage the Jamaican government to continue to tackle capacity constraints for late or outstanding ratification of international human rights treaties and conventions, especially the Convention against Torture, the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons and the second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Therefore, Germany would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen your efforts to eliminate discrimination of and violence against women and girls including through implementation of laws, policies and programmes to this effect.
2. Decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex and put an end to prejudices and social stigmatization of homosexuality.
3. Implement measures to recognize and protect human rights defenders, including those defending the rights of the LGBTI population.

Thank you, Mr President.

Questions by Germany:

1. What measures have been undertaken to raise awareness on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and more concretely which steps have been undertaken to ensure the protection of LGBTIQ persons?
2. What steps have been undertaken by the Jamaican government to ensure that legal and safe abortion services are available for women and girls who are pregnant as a result of rape or incest, or whose lives or health are at risk due to their pregnancy?
3. How does Jamaica ensure the establishment of adequate services and opportunities for children, including psychosocial support for children in state custody and children with disabilities?

