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German questions and recommendations to

Libya

German National Statement

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Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the Libyan delegation. We appreciate Libya's participation in the UPR despite a most challenging political context. We reiterate our call on all parties in Libya to live up to their responsibility and participate constructively in the UN-led dialogue process to ensure the rapid formation of a government of national unity.

Germany would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure respect for the right to life, liberty and security of person for all in Libya, including by working towards an end of armed hostilities among Libyans, by complying with applicable international law in the conduct of hostilities, and by ensuring humane treatment of all persons detained, in line with international standards.
2. Take measures to protect journalists and human rights defenders from acts of violence, including by investigating attacks and assassinations and strengthening accountability mechanisms.
3. Fully protect human rights of internally displaced persons, including by giving them access to safe areas, as well as health, social and educational services without discrimination, and support, wherever possible, the voluntary and safe return of IDPs to their areas of origin.
4. Ratify the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* and its *1967 Protocol* and, pending this, formalize the cooperation with the UNHCR in order to facilitate effective protection of the human rights of refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya.

Thank you, Mr. President.