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**German questions and recommendations to  
Nauru**

**German National Statement**

Mr. President,

The German delegation welcomes Nauru to the UPR review.

Germany welcomes the ratification of the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol as well as the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol by Nauru. We encourage the government of Nauru to continue its efforts to implement the recommendations from the last UPR cycle and accede to various International Human Rights Treaties. We recognize the constraints the government of Nauru is facing including the reporting burden and would like to encourage your continued efforts in this regard.

Following up on the first UPR cycle, Germany wishes to offer the following three recommendations:

1. In order to ensure freedom of information: lift restrictions on access to the internet within Nauru and facilitate access of journalists to the country.
2. On the situation of asylum seekers and refugees in Nauru: Take immediate measures to improve the physical conditions and security situation in detention and processing centers for asylum seekers, especially for women and children. Invest in finding timely, adequate and durable solutions for refugees.
3. Amend the Criminal Code to lift restrictions on the freedom of movement, freedom of assembly and freedom of expression.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**Questions in advance:**

1. What measures are being taken to ensure the provision of clean drinking water and access to water services and sanitation in view of the geographical vulnerability of Nauru to the adverse impacts of climate change and the already limited water resources on the island?