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**German questions and recommendations to
Oman**

German National Statement

Thank you, Mr. President.

Germany welcomes the delegation of Oman to the UPR.

Germany commends the Government of Oman for the progress achieved so far with regard to the prohibition of torture, including by establishing criminal liability for such acts and banning the use of evidence obtained under torture.

We also welcome the efforts undertaken by Oman with regard to establishing the National Human Rights Commission.

Germany would like to ask the Government of Oman:

What steps are taken in order to further develop the competencies and independence of the National Human Rights Commission of Oman?

Germany would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the UN Convention against Torture without reservations.
2. To ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights without reservations.
3. To continue improving the protection of labour rights, in particular regarding foreign and domestic workers, for example by ratifying and implementing ILO Convention No. 189 "Concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers".

Thank you, Mr. President.

Question Submitted in Advance by Germany:

- 1) The Government of Oman has accepted, in principle, to accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and to consider accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). What is the current state of affairs regarding ICESCR and ICCPR?