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**German recommendations to  
St. Kitts and Nevis**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Germany commends St. Kitts and Nevis on its efforts in improving the human rights situation in the country, including efforts to reduce poverty and to put in place measures to support children and youth in the fields of education and rehabilitation.

We are concerned about the high rate of homicide in the country and welcome steps being taken to tackle this issue, including the focus on preventive measures for youths, who are disproportionately affected as both victims and offenders.

Germany would like to make the following recommendations:

One: To ratify core international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocols, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol.

Two: To follow through with a recommendation accepted by St. Kitts and Nevis during its last UPR to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Three: To continue consultations and dialogue with the public and various stakeholders in order to promote awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities and their rights, and ratify and implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Four: To take legal and practical steps to protect women and children from domestic violence, for example by prohibiting corporal punishment of children and marital rape.

Thank you, Mr. President.