**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 44th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Germany**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Germany’s commitment to human rights and acknowledges its efforts to prioritise gender equality in international engagements, develop self-determination laws protecting LGBTQIA+ people’s rights, and implement legislation addressing human rights violations in supply chains.

Australia recommends **Germany:**

1. **Ensure use of force by law enforcement agencies is necessary and proportional, and update requirements for police to wear identification badges.**
2. **Ensure full implementation of the Istanbul Convention, including through adequate protection and support structures for women and children affected by violence.**
3. **Harmonise disability definitions in laws and policies, and replace reliance on a medical model of disability with a human rights model, consistent with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

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