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President,

Belgium commends Germany for its commitment to human rights, in particular its ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, its efforts to receive refugees and the progress made in the fight against the discrimination of the LGBTQI+ community.

This fight against discrimination, in all its different forms, deserves continuous attention. Belgium therefore recommends the government of Germany to:

**R1.** Continue its efforts to reduce the stigmatization, discrimination and hate crimes committed against LGBTQI+ and to allocate sustainable means to this end.

**R2.** Continue the implementation and monitoring of the 89 federal measures to combat racism and right-wing extremism in order to foster tolerance and intercultural dialogue.

**R3.** Ensure the right to education for children in disadvantaged situations and refugee children, specifically during their stay in first reception facilities.

Thank you.