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Thank you Mr President.

Fiji welcomes and congratulates the delegation of Germany for the presentation of its report.

Noting that challenges still remain in terms of gender-based segregation in the labour market and differences in remuneration, Fiji commends the Government on its efforts to further strengthen and develop its Gender Equality Strategy, and its efforts to address domestic violence, including through the establishment of additional counselling centres.

Fiji offers the following recommendations:

1. Intensify efforts to develop and strengthen the necessary legislative frameworks that address cross-sectoral environmental challenges, including climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks, with the full, effective and meaningful participation of persons in marginalized groups and in vulnerable situations,
2. Further intensify efforts to combat and prevent gender-based violence, particularly domestic violence against women and children, prosecute acts of gender-based violence and expand public awareness-raising campaigns.

Thank you

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