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Mr. President,

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Germany to this UPR session and thanks them for the national report. We recognise Germany’s consistent efforts to implement human rights standards and its leading role as an elected member of the Human Rights Council. Germany’s solid ratification of international covenants and optional protocols relating to human rights treaties is commendable.

Malta welcomes Germany’s continued efforts to enhance protection for LGBTIQ+ persons, including the prohibition of elective medical interventions on intersex children.

Malta makes the following recommendations:

1. Consider establishing a fast, accessible and transparent procedure for legal gender recognition based on a person’s self-declaration.
2. Enhance training for law enforcement entities at the federal, state and local levels to counter situations of racial profiling.

We wish Germany a successful UPR session.

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