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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Germany to the UPR Working Group and thank for the presentation of the national report.

We highly appreciate Germany’s leadership in promoting respect for human rights and international law reflected in its human rights-centered foreign and domestic policies.

At the national level we commend the Federal Government’s efforts directed towards combating discrimination, preventing all forms of extremism and promoting democracy. In this sense, we welcome the implementation of various initiatives such as “Our work: our diversity and “the Youth Strategy” bolstering youth participation.

We recommend Germany the following:

1. Strengthen legislation in order to eliminate all forms of gender discrimination in employment, including to eliminate gender pay gap.
2. Continue implementing policies designed to protect youth rights and ensure access to welfare for children and youth without exception.

Finally, we wish Germany a successful UPR.

Thank you.