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**German Recommendations and advance questions to**

**Dominica**

Mister President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Dominica.

Germany commends the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination as well as Dominica´s cooperation with international human rights mechanisms in the reporting period.

Germany also welcomes the High Court of Dominica´s decision of April 2024 to decriminalize same-sex-activity between adults, encouraging the government to adopt anti-discrimination laws, so as to address remaining patterns of stigmatization.

Germany recommends to…

* Fully abolish the death penalty, and in the interim, to institute an official moratorium on executions and, in collaboration with civil society organizations, initiate a public dialogue regarding the death penalty with members of parliament and the general public, explaining the benefits of alternatives to the death penalty.
* Ratify the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol (OPCAT) and enact relevant enabling legislation.
* Draft and pass an updated National Policy and Plan of Action on Gender Equality to better align it with best practices to combat gender-based violence.

Thank you.