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**German Recommendations to**

**IRAN**

Mister President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Iran.

Germany commends small steps of the Iranian government to respect the rights of minorities and the announcement to change the government’s policy towards women. However, we await action to be taken.

Germany remains deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Iran, particularly the extremely high number of people sentenced to death and subsequently executed, omnipresent gender-based discrimination and the lack of fair judicial trials.

Germany therefore recommends Iran to:

* End the execution of death sentences and abolish the death penalty entirely, especially for political and religious offenses and non-violent crimes such as drug offenses and most eminently, for minors;
* End gender-based discrimination and respect the rights and freedom of women to make their own choices;
* Allow all citizens the freedom of expression, freedom of the media and freedom of assembly;
* Comply with international standards regarding police deployment and judicial proceedings; ensure immediate and free choice of legal support in all judicial cases at any time of the proceeding;
* End discrimination of religious and ethnic minorities.

Thank you, Mister President.