Mister Vice-President,

Germany warmly welcomes the delegation of Gabon and wishes to convey its sincere condolences to Gabon for the passing of Minister Adamo.

Germany commends Gabon for initiating and implementing far-reaching legal reforms in the area of civil and criminal law with regard to women ́s rights, addressing – inter alia – family and marriage laws. However, Germany remains concerned about the delays in the creation of the National Human Rights Commission.

Germany therefore has 3 recommendations:

1. Create the National Human Rights Commission (Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme) as announced and reaffirmed in the Dialogue Politique Intensifié between Gabon and the European Union, adopting corresponding laws in the Assemblée Nationale.
2. Continue the path of implementing national action plans concerning women’s participation – inter alia the "Égalité Femmes-Hommes" program.
3. Accompany legal reforms on women ́s rights with administrative and judicial measures at the central and regional levels, especially with regard to the equal representation of women in public authorities and institutions.

Germany wishes the delegation of Gabon a successful review.

Thank you, Mister Vice-President.