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**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Germany**

*Delivered by H.E. Ms. Veronika Bard*

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Mr. President,

Sweden warmly welcomes the German delegation and thanks for the comprehensive report and presentation.

Sweden would like to recommend the Federal Government of Germany to:

1. **Extend the right to return to full-time employment after maternity or paternity leave,**
2. **Review Paragraph 219a StGB, prohibiting information about and advertising on abortion, which, in practice, restricts the prospects for women to undergo an abortion if she so wishes,**
3. **Set up a national compensation fund for transsexual persons who were coerced into sterilisation or unwanted gender reassignment treatment in the years 1981–2011,**
4. **Establish an independent ombudsman office for children with authority to collect and investigate reports of violations and abuses of the rights of the child.**

Sweden wishes the Federal Government of Germany all success in the review and in implementing the recommendations.

I thank you Mr. President