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Mr. President,

Albania warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Germany and thanks it for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We commend Germany’s ratification of the Lanzarote Convention, the Istanbul Convention, and the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

We welcome Germany’s efforts to promote human rights within the context of international organizations and the support it offers to international human rights mechanisms and bodies.

Albania welcomes the commitment of the German Government to address the recommendations of CEDAW. We would highlight the need to address the absence of a comprehensive national gender equality strategy, policy or action plan that tackles the structural factors perpetuating gender inequalities.

We commend Germany for the substantive financial and technical support it offers to other governments to develop and improve their arms control standards. We echo the recommendation of CEDAW that Germany harmonize its arms export control legislation in line with provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty and the EU Council Common Position and that, before export licences are granted, comprehensive and transparent assessments be conducted of the impact that the misuse of small arms and light weapons would have on women, including those living in conflict zones.

Albania wishes to the delegation of Germany a very successful review during this cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.​