



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
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**Statement to be delivered by
H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Ambassador/Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Maldives to the 16th Session of the Working Group on
Universal Periodic Review, on the Review of Germany
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Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Germany and express its appreciation for the Federal Government's engagement with the UPR process.

While acknowledging the efforts by German authorities since its last review Maldives wish to make the following recommendations.

1. To include specific provisions adequately criminalizing acts of torture in the German Code of Crimes against Criminal Law (CCAIL) as required by CAT.
2. To pursue initiatives at increasing public awareness of the existence and purpose of the German General Equal Treatment Act (2006), particularly among potential victims of gender discrimination.

Mr. President

Maldives congratulate Germany for its achievements in consolidating human rights since its last review. Particularly, the Maldives notes the positive steps taken by Germany to set up a national prevention mechanism in implementing the OPCAT and also notes that Germany withdrew all reservations to CRC in 2010.

Thank You Mr. President.