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**IE on the rights of older persons**

**SR on water and sanitation**

**GERMAN Statement**

Mr. President,

Germany aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union.

Mr. Heller, we would like to thank you for your enlightening report, in which you discussed in a profound manner the essential role that regulatory frameworks play for water and sanitation services when it comes to realizing human rights.

As you pointed out, there is no universal regulatory model for water and sanitation services, but you highlighted that these frameworks are essential for the implementation of the human rights to water and sanitation, for they set necessary standards.

You ask in your report that non-discriminatory service coverage by service providers, also in poor neighbourhoods, informal settlements and rural areas, be ensured. Do you have concrete examples where this was successful?

Ms. Kornfeld-Matte, we would like to thank you for your interesting report that shows opportunities and challenges of the new assistive technologies and robots in the field of care of elder persons – especially with a view to living independently and autonomously to fully exercise their human rights on an equal basis with others.

Ms. Kornfeld-Matte, as you have rightfully pointed out, how can we ensure that such new technologies do not have an adverse impact on the human rights of older persons?

Can you please give best practice examples of how we can ensure that older persons are well informed and empowered to decide for themselves?

And how can we ensure that a human rights-based approach is being adopted and the participation of elder persons and civil society is secured?

Thank you, Mr. President.