

Statements der Delegation Deutschlands

Operational Activities for Development Segment 2025

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8. Effective accountability: Action for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

- Germany welcomes a “zero tolerance policy” with regard to sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment.
- The Sustainable Development Goals cannot be reached effectively without prevention mechanisms. They are the backbone of our work and key for our credibility.
- Germany is concerned about the high numbers of victims and survivors and the number of unreported cases is likely to be higher.
- Therefore, Germany highly values the inclusion of a survivor-centred approach putting the perspectives of victims and survivors at centre.
- Germany emphasizes the importance of stronger protection for whistleblowers in reporting mechanisms. Therefore, they need to be included in the design of these mechanisms.
- Germany underlines the necessity of prevention and the implementation of stronger sanction mechanisms against perpetrators. Furthermore, Germany welcomes the overarching cooperation of UN-institutions in this context, including streamlining and simplifying access to services for victims and survivors. This is essential in order to strengthen mechanisms and to protect victims and survivors at the same time.
- For Germany, preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment remains relevant in strengthening UN institutions generally. Prevention should be seen as part of the cost of doing business.