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Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, Joseph Cannataci, on his visit to the Federal Republic of Germany

Comments by the State*

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Response of the Federal Government of Germany to the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, Joseph Cannataci following his visit to Germany in 2018 (A/HRC/46/37/Add.3)

1. Germany welcomed the opportunity to host the Special Rapporteur and his team during his visit to Germany in 2018. Germany would like to thank the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy for his visit in October and November 2018 and for the report on this visit presented in 2021. The Federal Government would like to make the following remarks:
2. The report highlights many recent developments and underlines the important role the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) has taken in the protection of the right to privacy.
3. Germany strongly supports the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy. The fast pace of technological innovation has led to ever increasing concerns and debates all around the world about the implications of these new technologies for the right to privacy. The establishment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy six years ago represented an important step by the Human Rights Council to actively engage in those debates and continuously raise the human rights challenges and opportunities with regard to the technical innovation.
4. The report was presented nearly three years after the visit; an earlier presentation would have been appreciated.
