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**Statement concerning special sitting  
under item 1 of the agenda**

**by**

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to the United Nations**

Mr. President,

Germany fully aligns herself with the statement made by Spain on behalf of the EU.

Germany is highly concerned about the incident which occurred Monday morning in international waters in the Mediterranean and deeply regrets the loss of lives and injuries occurred in the course of the military operation.

The incident has affected German citizens including members of the Federal Parliament who were on board of the vessels.

We call upon the Israeli Government to grant consular access and assistance to all persons who were on board of the ships and to immediately release all our citizens.

We refer to the declaration of the President of the Security Council and call for a comprehensive, transparent and impartial investigation of all circumstances of this incident.

Thank you, Mr. President.