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### Note Verbale

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and – referring to the letter of Faiza Patel, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights, dated 9 May 2012 – has the honour to transmit attached information concerning regulations on security industry in Germany.

In addition to a short survey of the regulation of security industry in Germany the text of the relevant paragraph 34a of the trade regulation act “Gewerbeordnung” and the related “Bewachungsverordnung” are attached. These legislative texts are also available online: [www.gesetze-im-internet.de](http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de).

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 15 June 2012

To the  
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights  
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