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Agenda Item: Global Cooperation for Fighting Cyberbullying

Germany is in Central Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, between the Netherlands and Poland, south of Denmark. Its border countries are Austria (801 km), Belgium (133 km), Czech Republic (704 km), Denmark (140 km), France (418 km), Luxembourg (128 km), Netherlands (575 km), Poland (467 km), Switzerland (348 km). Its population size is approximately 81 million our life expectancy from birth is 80 years. GDP volume total is $3.495 trillion. GDP Per Capita is $48,200 and the GDP Growth Rate is 1.7%.

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online or through digital devices such as smartphones, computers, and tablets. It involves using technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. Cyberbullying is a serious problem that affects people at ages around the world. Nowadays, with the rise of usage of social media and online platforms, bullying has moved from schools and neighbourhoods to the social media and internet. It is so important to prevent cyberbullying and online violence. However, the phenomena of cyberbullying and online violence cannot be addressed by criminal law alone, but also require preventive measures and the raise of awareness in society.

In 2022, around 59 percent of young people in Germany had experiences with cyberbullying and 16 percent said that they had been personally affected by cyberbullying. In Germany 29% of people has been through a hate speech, and 19% of people was affected by cyberbullying.

Online harassment in Germany is addressed through comprehensive laws designed to regulate digital behaviour and protect individuals from cyber threats. These legal provisions focus on prosecuting those accused of harassment and ensuring accountability under criminal law. Germans stand out internationally for their relatively light use of social media. Officially, minors that are over the age of 13 and are allowed to use social media in Germany only if their parents give consent. There are currently no plans to go further. However, child protection advocates say controls are insufficient and call for existing rules to be better implemented. And Germany is ready cooperate to find some solutions for cyberbullying.

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