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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 – with reference to the High Commissioner's Note GVA 0180 dated 18 February 2010 – has the honour to transmit the following answers of Germany as to

1 b)

Access of minors to social services in the sense of No 1b) is governed by the German Social Code, Book VIII (SGB VIII) and by the Act on Benefits for Asylum Seekers (AsylbLG). Pursuant to the SGB VIII, minors are taken charge of by the youth offices. They are accommodated with a suitable person, in a child or youth institution or in another form of accommodation with social worker support.

AsylbLG stipulates that food, accommodation, heating, clothing, items for health and personal hygiene are, as a rule, granted in kind. For the treatment of acute illnesses and pain, the necessary medical and dental treatment including the necessary medical drugs and dressing materials as well as any other services or items necessary for healing, improving or alleviating illnesses or their consequences are provided. Other services or benefits may be granted in particular if, in individual cases, they are indispensable for securing the livelihood or health of the person in question or if they are necessary to cover special needs of children.

and 2 b)

Issues relating to the migration of unaccompanied minors were discussed at a workshop held within the framework of the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees in Geneva in December 2009. An informal exchange of views took place on topics such as:

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The legal status of unaccompanied minors
Compliance with international laws protecting the well-being of the child, etc.,
Determination of age,
Application of asylum law
Issues regarding the return to the countries of origin.

A summary of the results compiled by the chair is enclosed in the **annex**.

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations would be obliged to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for confirming receipt of this note verbale.

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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 29 April 2010