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• In 2005, the last Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers visiting Kyrgyzstan reported that the judiciary did not operate as a fully independent institution. The United Nations Country Team expressed similar concerns and highlighted existing reports in practice of the executive branch interfering with the judiciary (A/HRC/WG.6/8/KGZ/2, Page 7).

Germany would be interested to know whether any reform process is underway to provide for a legal framework designed to ensure the full independence of judges and lawyers, or whether such a reform process is envisaged in this respect.
