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Cultural diversity is a strength.

The acceptance of diversity is indispensable in a liberal democracy. It manifests itself in tolerant, appreciative, and respectful daily interactions. Diversity also means a multiplicity of voices as well as the responsibility to perceive and take seriously the various voices, listen to them, and not consider one's own life as the only valid model.

As a result of German history, the cultural diversity of Germany's cities, towns, districts, and municipalities as well as the federal states is outstanding. This applies to the language as well as to particular cultural forms of expression, a wide range of cultural offerings and a great wealth of tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

The diversity of our society is reflected in the diversity of artistic forms of expression. It is shaped by an international exchange of artists as well as by all people who live in Germany. Cultural diversity in Germany also includes the culture of exiles. Importantly, culture contributes to a sense of belonging among all the people who live in Germany. It enables people to become part of the fabric of our society. While cultural diversity can lead to greater engagement, it can, at times, also create new conflicts. That is part of its dynamic nature. However, art and culture must never be used for the purpose of exclusion.

Cohesion in diversity thrives on respect, acceptance, and mutual appreciation. This ensures that everyone living in Germany feels part of our liberal democratic society.

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