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G20 Summit in Hamburg

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How is Hamburg going to welcome the attendants of the G20 summit?

Hamburg is a cosmopolitan, international city, and thanks to the port it has maintained trade relations across the globe for centuries. Therefore, Hamburg is a good place for a meeting of the G20. As an optimistic, cosmopolitan and hospitable city, Hamburg is committed to being a good host to the G20 summit. As the city will be in the spotlight of world politics for several days, the event is also regarded as an opportunity for Hamburg. In addition to the heads of state and government and their delegations there will be several thousand journalists from around the world gathering in Hamburg, and they will get to know our city and provide coverage on Hamburg.

Current state of preparation (programme):

In terms of the actual programme, the G20 summit 2017 in Hamburg has been prepared for several months. In its role as the current G20 presidency, Germany will be addressing traditional G20 issues relating to the global economy, trade, financial market regulations and fiscal policy, which have been included in the agenda ever since the financial crisis of 2008/2009. In addition, Germany aims to draw public attention to today's global challenges, such as policy measures in the areas of climate protection and energy, sustainable development, combating pandemics, global standards in the field of work safety, the promotion of women, combating corruption, and ways of dealing with displacement and migration.

Leading up to the summit, an intense process of political consultation has developed at various working levels. The Home Affairs Ministers' meetings in particular demonstrate the degree of substantive cooperation between the G20 countries in the lead-up to the G20 summit.

In addition, there has been in-depth dialogue with civil society. As part of this, several talks have been held with stakeholders from business (Business 20), NGOs (Civil 20), trade unions (Labour 20), academia (Science 20), think tanks (Think 20), women (Women 20), and young people (Youth 20).

Current state of preparation (security):

During the G20 summit, the Hamburg Police Department will be providing security. The local staff will be supported by members of the German Federal Police, the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) and by police officers on loan from other federal states. The Hamburg Police Department is in charge of overall planning and operation control. All in all, there will be more than 15,000 police officers on duty, who will be coordinated by the Hamburg Police Department.

Overall security situation:

As a large city, Hamburg has the infrastructure and hotel capacity necessary for hosting the G20 summit. The Hamburg Messe exhibition grounds in particular meet all of the

requirements for a G20 venue. Each year, there are international large-scale events taking place on the Hamburg Messe premises, with guests from around the globe. During the two days of the summit, Hamburg's locals should be enabled to go about their lives as normal as possible. In all aspects of the planning process, particular emphasis has been placed on the interests of those living and working in the vicinity of the G20 venues. The guiding principle is to provide as few restrictions as possible, and as many as necessary.

Cost of security measures:

The Federal Government has supported the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to the tune of 50 million euro for hosting the OSCE Ministerial Council in December 2016 and the G20 summit in July 2017. Above all, the Federal Government covers the one-off costs arising from these international large-scale events. This includes e.g. the expenses incurred by the deployment of police officers from other federal states. The Federal Government thus bears almost all of Hamburg's one-off security costs rather than covering only a share of them.

Approach to civil society and peaceful protest:

Germany has a long tradition of integrating civil society in processes of international cooperation. The dialogue with civil society is aimed at discussing ideas and recommendations brought forward by the stakeholders involved and to take these on board in current negotiations, where appropriate.

There will be ample opportunities for addressing critical points. Hamburg is regarded as the "gateway to the world" and is an open-minded city. The fact that citizens may accompany the summit with their own events and engage in a debate on political issues is considered to be a positive phenomenon. And of course it goes without saying that in a democracy everyone is entitled to express their views in public, provided that this is done peacefully. The right to assemble in peace is a fundamental right that is anchored in our constitution.

Policy-related expectations of the G20 summit:

Resolutions of the G20 can provide relevant impetus for binding agreements at the level of the United Nations and other international organisations involved. Debates and resolutions of the G20 summit can be further inspired by integrating additional important stakeholders and countries outside the G20 circle, and the impact of measures agreed could thus be increased beyond the scope of the G20. The need for international cooperation aimed at jointly shaping the ongoing process of globalisation to the benefit of all has never been greater.

G20 topics that reflect Hamburg's development, and potential signals from "Hamburg 2017":

The summit in Hamburg will be the first G20 meeting to be held in an industrialised country ever since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015. As part of the new global sustainability goals, industrial countries too are obliged to adopt relevant strategies; and thus the agenda has been aptly referred to as "the first global development agenda". Could there be a better place in Germany for promoting the implementation of the development agenda two years after its adoption? We would like to see the meeting of heads of state and government in Hamburg send a signal towards making globalisation fairer.

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