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Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark sincerely thanks the Russian delegation for their presentation today.

Denmark is concerned about the situation in the Russian Federation of indigenous people which has failed to improve in key areas such as land rights, food, education, health and work.

We recommend that the Government officially endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and fully implement all relevant national laws and regulations.

Denmark is worried about the proposed federal bill which will outlaw so-called propaganda of homosexuality among minors, if adopted by the parliament and signed by the president.

We recommend that the government repeal regional laws and regulations which promote discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, and abstain from passing similar legislation at the federal level. We also recommend that the government take effective steps to prevent arbitrary use of existing regulations to discriminate against LGBT people, including their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Mr. President,

Denmark supports a project conducted by the Council of Europe in cooperation with Russian authorities regarding more effective public monitoring in places of detention

What measures have the authorities taken since the latest UPR to prevent torture and other ill-treatment?

Thank you Mr. President.