**UPR WG 17th: Israel**

**29 October 2013**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr President,

Denmark thanks the Israeli delegation for its presentation today.

While recognising an overall decline in the use of administrative detention, Denmark nevertheless remains concerned about the practice of administrative detention by Israel. We also remain concerned about continued allegations of torture and ill-treatment by Israel.

Denmark recommends Israel to ensure that administrative detention is carried out in accordance with international human rights standards.

Denmark recommends that Israel accedes to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and that Israel recognizes the competence of the Committee against Torture to receive and consider communications according to art. 21and art. 22 of the Convention against Torture.

Finally, we remain concerned about the continuous illegal settlement activity on Palestinian land.

Denmark recommends that Israel investigates all allegations of human rights violations and other crimes committed on Palestinian land and prosecute those responsible.

Thank you Mr President