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**Recommendations from Denmark to Dominica, 1 May 2014**

Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Dominica for their presentation today. We would like to commend Dominica for its constructive engagement in the UPR process, where Dominica accepted a large number of the recommendations presented during its first UPR.

We note, however, that in some areas little progress has been reported since Dominica’s first UPR. In particular, Denmark regrets the lack of progress with regard to the fight against torture and other ill-treatment.

During its first UPR, Dominica accepted recommendations concerning ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Yet, no progress has been reported in this area.

Therefore, Denmark *recommends that the Government of Dominica ratifies the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

Allow me in this respect to highlight the initiative recently launched by Morocco, Chile, Ghana, Indonesia and Denmark for the universal ratification and implementation of the Convention against Torture. This initiative aims to assist governments in overcoming obstacles to ratification and it is our hope that the Government of Dominica would find this initiative helpful in terms of advancing on this issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.