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**Recommendations from Denmark to Angola, October 2014**

Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Angola for their presentation today. We would like to commend Angola for its constructive engagement in the UPR process. Angola accepted a large number of the recommendations presented during its first UPR and we commend the progress Angola has made in terms of protecting and promoting human rights since its last review.

During its first UPR, Angola accepted to accede to the UN Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol and we commend Angola for having done so in September last year. We note, however, that since its accession, Angola has not taken any steps towards ratification of the Convention.

*Denmark therefore recommends that the Government of Angola ratifies the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol.*

Allow me in this respect to highlight the Convention against Torture Initiative launched earlier this year by Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco 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 Angola would find this initiative helpful in terms of advancing on this issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.