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Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark sincerely thanks the delegation of Bolivia for the presentation today.

We commend the progress made by Bolivia in following up to its first UPR review, including through the approval of a series of laws responding directly to a substantial number of recommendations.

In 2009, Bolivia accepted Denmark's recommendation to avoid further delays in the appointment of members of the highest judicial authorities. According to the Government's own evaluation, the new appointments have, however, not led to the expected change in the justice system and we note that the Government is presently preparing a new plan for the justice sector.

In this context Denmark **recommends** the government of Bolivia to ensure that the new plan for a reorganization of the justice sector, as mentioned in the Government Program 2015-2020, guarantees the impartiality of the courts, full access for all citizens, and sufficient resources at all levels.

We commend Bolivia on its recently approved law against abuse of women of March 2013, which represents a major step forward in the protection of women in Bolivia. Unfortunately, the resources necessary for the law's effective implementation have not yet been allocated.

Denmark therefore **recommends** the government of Bolivia to secure the necessary resources for the effective implementation of the law against abuse of women, in particular through the strengthening of the special police force to combat gender-based violence (FELCV) so that it can fulfil its mandate.

Thank you.