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**Recommendations from Denmark to Kiribati, January 2015**

Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Kiribati for their presentation today. We would like to commend Kiribati for its constructive engagement in the UPR process and for having demonstrated progress in terms of the protection and promotion of human rights since its last review.

Denmark notes that Kiribati during its first review took note of recommendations to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

*Denmark would like to reiterate the recommendation that the Government of Kiribati ratifies the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.*

Allow me to highlight in this context the Convention against Torture Initiative launched in March last year by Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco for the universal ratification and implementation of the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol. This initiative aims – through government to government exchange and cooperation - to assist governments in overcoming obstacles to ratification. We stand ready to explore avenues to assist the Government of Kiribati in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.