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Recommendations from Denmark to the Kyrgyz Republic, January 2015**

Mr. President:

Denmark thanks the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic for their presentation today. During the first UPR cycle, Denmark was pleased to note the acceptance of the Kyrgyz Republic of our recommendation to ensure that all journalists and human rights defenders can work in safe conditions. We welcome steps taken since the last Review in this regard. Denmark, however, remains concerned over reports that civil society activists and human rights defenders in Kyrgyzstan continue to experience attacks, threats and harassment. In this respect, current consideration of draft legislation which may restrict the space for civil society and human rights defenders is of concern. If adopted, such legislation would undermine the otherwise commendable progress made in Kyrgyzstan.

Denmark recommends that the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic refrain from adopting any legislation, such as the draft law on “Foreign Agents” and the draft law on “dissemination of information about non-traditional sexual relations” that will limit the fundamental rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Denmark recommends that the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic take the necessary measures to ensure that human rights defenders and civil society actors can carry out their legitimate work in a safe environment without threats and harassment by state and non-state actors.

Thank you, Mr. President.