**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Jamaica**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. Vicepresident,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Jamaica and thanks his Excellency the Minister of Justice for his presentation today. We would like to commend Jamaica for its constructive engagement in the UPR process and for having demonstrated progress in the protection and promotion of human rights since its last review.

Denmark welcomes that during its first Universal Periodic Review, Jamaica accepted to review the UN Convention against Torture with a view to ratification and we were pleased today to learn that Jamaica is currently working to put in place relevant legislation in this regard. We encourage this work.

*Denmark recommends that the Government of Jamaica intensify efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.*

Allow me in this context to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative, which works through government to government exchange and cooperation, stands ready to explore avenues to assist the Government of Jamaica in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Denmark has also taken note of Jamaica’s commitment to the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern, as expressed during its first Universal Periodic Review as well as the subsequent positive engagement by Jamaica in relation to the Rome Statute.

*Denmark recommends that the Government of Jamaica accedes to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.*

Thank you, Mr. President.