**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Libya**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Libya for its presentation.

We are gravely concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Libya. We are attentively following the important work of the Constitutional Drafting Assembly. A new constitution must be a framework that enshrines the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary, and guarantees the human rights of the people, including rights of women, freedom of expression and assembly and the protection of minorities.

Denmark recommends that Libya takes judicial and administrative measures to ensure equality and empowerment of women, including fair representation in the legislative and executive branches of the state and participation in political decision making.

We are deeply concerned about intimidations, threats and assaults against journalists, media and civil society in general. Denmark recommends that Libya ensures that these rights are duly protected in the constitutional framework and that the Penal Code is reviewed accordingly.

Finally Denmark recommends that Libya ratifies the Optional Protocol to UN’s Convention against Torture (OPCAT).

Thank you.