**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of the Micronesia**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark would like to welcome the delegation of the Federate States of Micronesia and thank it for its presentation today.

We would like to commend Micronesia 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 was pleased to note that Micronesia during its first UPR accepted recommendations to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Denmark hopes that concrete steps are being undertaken to honour this commitment and we would be grateful if the delegation could elaborate on steps taken.

Denmark further recommends that the Government of Micronesia intensifies 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 Micronesia in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.