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Review of Oman
Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of the sultanate of Oman and thanks His Excellency of the Ministry of Legal Affairs for his presentation today. We would like to commend Oman 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 the Government of Oman has in principle agreed to accede to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment. I am not sure if I heard His Excellency of the Ministry of Legal Affairs correctly that the government of Oman has now in fact decided to accede to the Convention against Torture. If correctly understood, we would like to warmly welcome this decision. Otherwise we would like to reiterate the recommendation that Oman ratifies the Convention against Torture.

Denmark further recommends that the Government of Oman also ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

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 Oman in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you.