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Review of Rwanda
Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Rwanda and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Rwanda 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 that Rwanda during its first UPR accepted recommendations to ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment. We would like to warmly congratulate the Government of Rwanda for honouring this commitment through the ratification of OP-CAT earlier this year.

As the logical next step, Denmark recommends that Rwanda establishes a National Preventive Mechanism in line with OP-CAT requirements.

Secondly, Denmark recommends that Rwanda accedes to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you.