

Statement by Hungary on Denmark.

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Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Denmark and thanks for the national report and the update.

We commend Denmark for the implementation of many of the accepted recommendations since its first UPR, including those formulated by Hungary.

Hungary particularly welcomes that the Danish Government established a special Office for Children in 2012 in order to protect and promote children's rights. However, it seems that restrictions in the mandate and powers of the Office prevent it to consider a complaint until all administrative remedies have been exhausted and as a consequence the majority of the complaints are refused. Therefore Hungary recommends increasing the Office's mandate and powers to provide advisory or legal assistance in a wider range of cases.

With regard to the protection of minorities and vulnerable groups we encourage Denmark to comply with the recommendations of the relevant monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe, in particular by reinforcing linguistic rights as well as introducing additional and targeted initiatives and policies to combat manifestations of intolerance, racism and xenophobia, including negative portraying in the media and hate speech.

We appreciate that Denmark has recently appointed an expert group to carry out an evidence-based review of counter-terrorism legislation, and recommend that this review take account of and the relevant legislation be amended in full compliance with Denmark's human rights obligations.

Thank you, Mr. President!