

**Italian intervention**

**UPR – Denmark  
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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Denmark, and thank them for their national report and the presentation they shared with us today.

Italy praises the attention devoted by Denmark to the promotion and protection of Human Rights, and its inclusive approach to human rights and the UPR. We welcome the recent ratifications of the Third Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and domestic Violence. We also welcome the amendment to the Nationality Act that allows dual citizenship, and the measures taken to increase the protection of the most vulnerable categories, such as children, including children with special needs, and persons with disabilities.

Italy would like to offer Denmark the following **recommendations**:

1. Ensure, through effective measures and consultations, that contested children in a marital dispute have the possibility of maintaining a consistent contact with the foreign parent living abroad.
2. Take more effective measures to combat racial discrimination and intolerance against migrants, and improve the legislative framework with the aim of fostering social acceptance of migrants.
3. Consider signing and ratifying the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you.