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*Statement of Ms. Audra Čiapienė, Minister Counsellor*

*of the Permanent Mission of Lithuania*

*at the review of Denmark*

Mr. President,

Lithuania warmly welcomes the esteemed delegation of Denmark and thanks for the informative National Report.

Lithuania welcomes the Denmark's coherent cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and appreciates its regular financial support of the Office.

Lithuania commends Denmark for the implementation of the recommendations accepted in the first UPR cycle. In particular, we welcome the progress in ratification of the international treaties, such as the Istanbul Convention, and incorporating them into national legislation.

We also note with satisfaction that the acts of procuring and human trafficking for the purpose of exploitation in prostitution were criminalised. Additionally, we welcome the efforts of Denmark to combat trafficking in children and **recommend to further combat the worst forms of child labour, including trafficking for the purpose of forced labour and prostitution.** Lithuania recommends to take necessary measures to ensure that sufficient up-to-date data on the worst forms of child labour would be made available.

Thank you.