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Human Rights Council

Denmark

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Mr President,

New Zealand welcomes the delegation from Denmark, and notes Denmark's strong record in the promotion and protection of human rights. New Zealand especially **commends** Denmark for its progress in relation to gender equality, including gender pay equity.

Mr President

The Syrian conflict has resulted in substantial numbers of migrants entering Europe, including Denmark. Notwithstanding the challenges involved in dealing with the large and sudden influx of people, New Zealand **recommends** that Denmark ensure that all relevant international conventions and protocols are respected, and that migrants, particularly children, have access to basic services and are housed in suitable conditions.

New Zealand acknowledges the ongoing efforts Denmark has made to address hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents, and **recommends** that Denmark continues to implement measures to eliminate discrimination, including on the basis of ethnic or religious background.

Finally, New Zealand **commends** Denmark for the measures it has taken to further criminalise sexual violence, including abolishing immunity for spousal rape.

We wish Denmark a successful review.

Thank you Mr President.

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