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Mr. President,

Slovenia applauds the high level of respect for human rights upheld by Denmark. Among the positive developments of recent years, we note in particular the establishment of the Office for Children within the Parliamentary Ombudsman Institution and the inclusion of rights of the child in the education and training of teachers.

Nonetheless, we have some concerns regarding information that ethnic discrimination and segregation in schools may be a problem in Denmark, that children placed in alternative care might not receive education for a period of time, and that children within the criminal justice system may be placed in solitary confinement.

With regard to the above, we offer the following recommendations:

- take concrete steps to end ethnic segregation in schools, include diversity and tolerance education in primary school curricula, and submit outstanding reports on the implementation of the Convention against Discrimination in Education to UNESCO;
- -- ensure continuous schooling of children following the decision on placement in alternative care;
- prohibit the use of solitary confinement for children within the criminal justice system;
- provide basic human rights education to children in primary and secondary schools.

Thank you.