

Universal Periodic Review of the Kingdom of Denmark
21 January 2016
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Denmark to its second UPR. We thank Denmark for their work in preparing the detailed report presented earlier and also for the additional information given in the opening speech.

Estonia notes with appreciation that Denmark has become a party to nearly all the main international human rights instruments and is fully cooperating with the UN special procedures and treaty bodies.

Estonia welcomes Denmark's continuous efforts to promote and protect children's rights. We would like to highlight the establishment of a special Office for Children, as a part of the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman Institution, and the Children Divorce Phone.

We also acknowledge the activities of Denmark in the area of gender equality and women's rights. Denmark has achieved good results in the encouragement of women's high-level participation in the labour market and in decision-making positions. Women's health, education and employment questions are also placed at the centre of Danish development cooperation.

Estonia underlines the importance of the establishment of the Greenland Human Rights Council on 1 January 2013.

Estonia commends Denmark's great role as an international humanitarian aid donor, also we highly value the global efforts of Denmark to fight torture and help torture victims.

Estonia would like **to recommend** to the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark:

- to **decriminalize defamation** and place it within a civil code in accordance with international standards;
- to consider further actions to promote better **access to education** for children in Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

We wish the delegation of Denmark a successful review meeting.

Thank you!