

Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes Denmark's engagement in the 2nd cycle of the UPR and we note the progress Denmark has made since the last Review which includes the appointment of the Minister for Gender Equality in Greenland in 2011 and the adoption of the Gender Equality Act in 2013.

The measures adopted to improve living conditions for Asylum seekers and other immigrants as well as the initiatives aimed at strengthening refugee's ability to integrate into the Danish Society were prudent steps taken by the Danish Government well before the current migrant and refugee crisis in Europe.

We however note that the Amendment in the Aliens Act 2012 places more restrictions on obtaining residence permits; and that decisions of the refugee Appeals Board are final and cannot be appealed before the courts of law. These stringencies in the law therefore need to be addressed.

We also recommend to the Government to ensure that all persons belonging to disadvantaged and marginalised groups have access to basic health care.

Thank you Mr. President