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Dialogue with Denmark

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Mr. President,

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of Denmark for its presentation. We recognize Denmark's commitment to human rights and its many achievements. In particular, we praise measures taken to promote the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities.

We are concerned at reports of discrimination against minorities in Denmark, such as Muslims.

The UAE recommends that Denmark:

1. Implement public awareness campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and to counter prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia; and
2. Eliminate any legislation or measures that discriminate on the basis of religion.

Thank you Mr. President.