**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**

**Statement**

**Universal Periodic Review – Denmark**

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Thank you, Mr President,

The UK recognises Denmark’s long tradition of promoting and protecting human rights. We welcome Denmark’s leadership on the Convention against Torture Initiative and support your goals of universal ratification and implementation of the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol. We also welcome action taken to limit the lengths of pre-trial custody since Denmark’s last UPR in 2011.

We urge Denmark to continue its efforts to prevent sexual and gender-based violence, ensuring that more perpetrators are brought to justice and that there is better support for survivors.

**We recommend that Denmark:**

1. Introduce alternative measures to pre-trial detention for minors wherever possible, and develop clear rules for the treatment of minors in police custody and monitor their effective implementation in practice.
2. Work with the Greenland authorities to withdraw the territorial reservation for Greenland to the Convention on the Rights of the Child Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Thank you, Mr President.