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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation of Estonia and express our thanks for the information provided in response to our advance question.

Sweden welcomes the efforts by the government of Estonia in recent years to decrease the number of detainees in Estonian prisons and detention centers. New and modern prisons are being constructed.

However there is still a significant scope for improvement of conditions for prisoners, as indicated in the recent ruling by the European Court of Human Rights.

Sweden recommends the Government of Estonia to continue the efforts to reduce overcrowding and to take action to improve the general conditions in prisons and detention centers.

Thank you Mr. President