

**Human Rights Council
UPR 25th Session
Recommendations from Denmark to Antigua & Barbuda
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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of Antigua & Barbuda and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Antigua & Barbuda for its constructive engagement in the UPR process and for having demonstrated progress in the protection and promotion of human rights since its last review.

Denmark was pleased to note that Antigua & Barbuda during its first UPR accepted recommendations to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture.

Denmark hopes that concrete steps are being undertaken to ratify the Optional Protocol and we would be grateful if the delegation could elaborate on steps taken.

Denmark recommends the Government of Antigua & Barbuda to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Allow me in this context to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative, which works through government to government exchange and cooperation, stands ready to explore avenues to assist the Government of Antigua & Barbuda in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.