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Recommendations from Denmark to Samoa
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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Samoa and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Samoa 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 Samoa during its first UPR accepted recommendations to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment. We sincerely hope that Samoa will now take steps to join the 159 current State Parties to this Convention which truly deserves to be universally ratified.

Denmark recommends that the Government of Samoa intensifies its efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.

Noting Samoa's remarks during its first UPR that accession to the Convention is considered in light of Samoa's ability to fulfil obligations of the Convention, allow me 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 Samoa in advancing on such issues if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.