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Recommendations from Denmark to Suriname  
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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of Suriname and thanks it for its presentation today.

Suriname has ratified almost all of UN's core human rights conventions. We would like to commend you for this and for the reports delivered to the respective treaty bodies despite the resource constraints of a small country.

We however regret that the UN's Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment is still missing from the otherwise good record of Suriname in this respect.

Denmark holds the strong hope that Suriname will join the 159 current State Parties to this Convention which truly deserves to be universally ratified and which constitutes the essential international legal framework for the abolition and prevention of torture.

Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government of Suriname to ratify 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 Suriname in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.