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Intervention by Denmark

Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Delegation of Tanzania and thanks it for its presentation today. Denmark acknowledges Tanzania's follow-up on recommendations given during its first UPR.

Denmark welcomes the Government's continued commitment to address the refugee situation in the region, including the unprecedented granting of citizenship to more than 160,000 Burundian refugees in 2014.

We welcome the commitment by the Government to promote transparency and accountability, but remain concerned by the seeming shrinking space for media and civil society.

Denmark therefore recommends that Tanzania, through an inclusive process, adopts and implements a revised Access to Information Act and Media Service Bill in line with international human rights law and standards.

Denmark commends Tanzania's progress in promoting the rights of women and girls however, in terms of equality and non-discrimination, significant gender gaps still exist.

We recommend Tanzania to expedite the adoption and implementation of laws to counter all forms of violence against women and girls, including marital rape and Female Genital Mutilation.

Finally, Denmark recommends that the Government of Tanzania ratifies the Convention against Torture. The Convention against Torture Initiative stands ready to assist in these endeavours if deemed helpful.

I thank you.