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**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Allow me to express Denmark’s deepest sympathy with the Government and people of Haiti during this difficult time of dealing with the tragic and devastating effects of hurricane Matthew. Our condolences go to the families of the victims.

On this distressing background, Denmark welcomes the delegation of Haiti and thanks it for its presentation today. We would like to commend Haiti 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 commends Haiti for signing the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment in 2013 and encourages Haiti to take further steps towards ratification. We sincerely hope that Haiti shortly will be able to join the 160 current State Parties to this Convention which truly deserves to be universally ratified.

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

Welcoming Haiti’s progress in this regard, 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 Haiti in advancing on this issue, if deemed helpful.

Thank you, Mr. President.