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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of Algeria to Geneva and thanks it for its presentation today.

We would like to commend Algeria for its constructive engagement in the UPR process, and commends Algeria for its ratification of most core Human Rights Treaties, including the Convention against Torture.

Denmark notes, that Algeria during its second UPR noted recommendations to ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Optional Protocol establishes a set of practical tools on how to prevent torture and ill-treatment which have proven to be very effective in the fight against torture and ensuring a life free from torture for all.

*Denmark therefore* ***recommends*** *that the government of Algeria intensifies efforts to accede to the Optional Protocol to the UN 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 Algeria in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Thank you Mr. President