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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

Denmark highly commends Brazil’s measures to fight and prevent torture and ill-treatment. The adoption of Law 12.847 in 2013 is worth mentioning. However, there is still room for improvement, specifically in regards to the implementation of OPCAT on state level and the limited geographic coverage of custody hearings.

*In this context, Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Brazil ensures that Local Preventive Mechanisms are created by encouraging states to do so as envisaged by the national law on torture and expands the application of custody hearings to the entire country as set by Resolution 213 of the National Council of Justice.*

Denmark notes with concern the prison conditions in Brazil, especially the conditions encountered by women who in this vulnerable situation have specific needs and requirements. The number of incarcerated women in Brazil almost tripled during the last decade, and imprisoned women suffer violations related to their health, access to education, their sexual and reproductive rights, labour rights, and the preservation of the family unit.

*Denmark therefore* ***recommends*** *that Brazil incorporates the Bangkok rules into public policies to protect female inmates and adopts bill 5654/2016 that prohibits the use of handcuffs before, during and after childbirth on women deprived of liberty.*

I thank you.