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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Poland and thanks it for the informative national report and its thorough presentation here today.

Denmark highly commends Poland’s ratification of the European Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence. The ratification and application is an important step towards combatting domestic violence.

*In this context, Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Poland provides adequate and stable funding for legal, psychological and medical assistance and shelter for victims of domestic violence*.

Denmark attaches fundamental importance to the successful completion of Poland’s dialogue with the European Commission within the Rule of Law Procedure which was opened following reforms of the Constitutional Tribunal and public media as well as concerns raised by the Venice Commission and the Council of Europe on the rule of law.

*Therefore, Denmark* ***recommends*** *that Poland ensures the independence of the judiciary in order to safeguard the rule of law by taking immediate steps to ensure that the Constitutional Tribunal is able to deliver effective constitutional reviews.*

I thank you.