**Universal Periodic Review, 44th session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark condemns in the strongest possible terms Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine.

We are alarmed by the shrinking space for freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association, particularly in the wake of Russia’s illegal war.

*Denmark recommends the government to repeal or revise legislation incompatible with the ICCPR, including provisions on “foreign agents”, “undesirable organisations" and laws on “fake news” and “discrediting the armed forces”.*

We are concerned about dangers posed by traumatised returning military servicemen, with little access to mental health services, in relation to women and children.

*Denmark recommends the government to adopt comprehensive legislation to prevent and address domestic violence and ensure criminalization of all forms of domestic violence*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the government to ratify the OPCAT.*

I thank you.