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**Intervention by Denmark**

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President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation. We recommend China to:

* Immediately implement the recommendations from the OHCHR assessment on Xinjiang.
* Release writers, bloggers, journalists, human rights defenders and others arbitrarily detained for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and guarantee this right, including in Hong Kong.
* Immediately abolish coerced residential school systems imposed on Tibetan children and ensure that persons belonging to minorities can fully enjoy their cultural rights and use their own language.
* Ratify OPCAT\*

Thank you.

*\* The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*