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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark is deeply alarmed by the systematic and unparalleled disrespect for the fundamental human rights of Afghans.

Denmark condemns in the strongest possible terms the continuous dismantling of institutional protections for human rights in Afghanistan.

*Denmark recommends Afghanistan take immediate steps to ensure the institutional protection of human rights, and full compliance with its obligations under international human rights law.*

We remain deeply concerned by the persecution and ongoing efforts to remove women and girls from public and political life.

*Denmark recommends Afghanistan take steps to ensure women and girl’s access to quality education and active participation in all aspects of public life, as well as desist from committing threats or acts of violence, including arbitrary detention, sexual abuse, or any form of torture, ill-treatment or punishment against women and girls.*

I thank you.