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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Cambodia and thanks it for its presentation.

We acknowledge Cambodia’s engagement with the UN Special Rapporteur in Cambodia and commend efforts to improve girls’ access to education.

However, Denmark remains concerned about shrinking civic space, including the dissolution of political parties and closure of media outlets. Furthermore, Denmark is concerned about the arbitrary arrests, mass trials and acts of violence against human rights defenders, political opponents and journalists.

*Denmark recommends* Cambodia to:

1. Bring the Law on Political parties and the Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations into accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
2. Immediately and unconditionally, release individuals imprisoned for exercising their rights to peaceful assembly and association.

Denmark wishes Cambodia a successful review.

I thank you.