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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic. We commend the Dominican Republic for advances made regarding women’s rights, including increasing women’s political participation and efforts towards combatting sexual and gender-based violence.

Nevertheless, we regret the restricted access to Sexual and Reproductive Health services and that comprehensive sexuality education is not part of the school curriculum.

We also note that the Dominican Republic has not issued a standing invitation to all mandate holders.

Denmark recommends the Dominican Republic to:

1. *Provide* comprehensive sexuality education in the school curriculum, in line with the United Nations international technical guidelines on sexuality education.
2. *Extend* a standing invitation to the Special Procedures.
3. *Ratify* the OPCAT.

Denmark wishes the Dominican Republic a successful review.

I thank you.