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**Intervention by Denmark**

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President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica and thanks it for the presentation.

We welcome the adoption of the “Act on Access to Justice for the Indigenous Peoples“ in 2018 and Costa Rica’s subsequent work towards its implementation, including promoting the right to free, prior and informed consent. However, we note that more work can be done, including in guaranteeing Indigenous Peoples’ right to self-determination.

*Denmark recommends to amend, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, Executive Decree no. 8487 in order to ensure that the use of comprehensive development associations is optional, not compulsory.*

We note that abortion is criminalized, except in cases where the life or health of the mother is in danger if the abortion cannot be avoided using other means.

*Denmark recommends to legalize abortion, at least in cases of rape, incest, threats to the pregnant woman and severe fetal impairment.*

Denmark wishes Costa Rica a successful review.

I thank you.