**Universal Periodic Review, 48th session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation from Italy and thank it for its presentation.

Denmark welcomes Italy’s commitment to promote and protect human rights, including steps taken to accelerate the elimination of all forms of discrimination and to promote gender equality. However, hate speech against LGBT+ persons as well as access to comprehensive sexuality education remains a challenge.

Denmark recommends Italy to:

1. *Take resolute measures to combat all forms of discrimination and hate speech against LGBT+ persons in the workplace, in society generally and online*
2. *Ensure that comprehensive sexuality education is provided as a mandatory part of the regular school curriculum in all regions*

We wish Italy a successful review.

I thank you.