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**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Republic of Korea and thanks it for its presentation.

We welcome steps taken by the Republic of Korea to ensure human rights protection regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. However, Denmark notes with concern that LGBTI persons continue to face discrimination.

*Denmark recommends that the Republic of Korea Repeals Article 92(6) of the Military Criminal Act prohibiting and punishing consensual sexual activity between people of the same sex in the military.*

Denmark commends the Republic of Korea for its focus on gender equality and reducing minority discrimination. Still, workplace discrimination of women, domestic gender-based violence and discrimination of minorities based on religion or belief remains a serious challenge.

*Denmark recommends that the Republic of Korea adopts a comprehensive anti-discrimination act prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender, religion, belief, and race.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends that the Republic of Korea ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

I thank you.