**Universal Periodic Review, 37th session**

**Human Rights Council**

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**UPR of Australia**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm/Mr President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation and commend Australia for acceding to a number of important human rights instruments since its last UPR, in particular OPCAT.

However, Denmark remains concerned about the low age of criminal responsibility and the conditions of indigenous peoples.

*Denmark recommends the Government to significantly raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility.*

*Denmark also recommends the Government to improve the socioeconomic situation of indigenous peoples by ensuring their meaningful and effective political participation.*

Finally, the involvement of Australian special forces in war crimes in Afghanistan is concerning, but we trust the ongoing process of ensuring accountability.

Denmark wishes Australia a successful review.

I thank you.