**Universal Periodic Review, 37rd session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Oman, 21th January 2020**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Oman and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend the withdrawal of the reservation to CEDAW art. 15,4. However, we remain concerned with the prevalence of sexual- and gender-based violence against women in Oman.

*Denmark recommends to adopt legislation to explicitly criminalize domestic and intimate partner violence, including marital rape*

We note with concern the reports of restrictions of freedom of expression and media freedoms, offline as well as online.

*Denmark recommends to amend the 2002 Telecommunications Act and the 2011 Cybercrime Law to bring them into line with international standards on the right to freedom of opinion and expression*

*Finally, Denmark recommends to ratify OPCAT*

We wish Oman a successful review.

Thank you.