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**Intervention by Denmark**

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

We commend the steps taken to operationalize the National Preventive Mechanism. However, we remain concerned over allegations of arbitrary detention, and torture and ill-treatment in detention centres and military facilities and urge the Government to facilitate the resumption of the suspended SPT visit.

*Denmark recommends the Government to bring its prison and detention conditions in line with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.*

We note with concern the significant barriers to access legal and safe abortions.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend its legislation in order to legalize the termination of pregnancies, in cases of risk to the life of the pregnant woman, rape, incest and severe impairment of the fetus*.

We wish Rwanda a successful review.

Thank you.