**Universal Periodic Review, 37th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of St. Kitts and Nevis, 19 January 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mme/Mr President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of St. Kitts and Nevis and thanks it for its presentation today.

We congratulate Saint Kitts and Nevis for acceding to the UN Convention against Torture. In this regard, we wish to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative – the CTI – stands ready to provide capacity building and technical support if deemed helpful for its implementation.

However, we note that the country has not yet acceded to other core human rights instruments.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, its second optional protocol as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.*

Furthermore, Denmark notes with concern that LGBTI-persons are subject to discrimination and stigmatization.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to decriminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults, in particular by repealing sections 56 and 57 of the Offences Against the Person Act.*

Denmark wishes St. Kitts and Nevis a successful review.

I thank you.