**Universal Periodic Review, 37th session**

**Human Rights Council**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mme/Mr President,

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

While we recognize the Government’s commitment to engage with the LGBTI-community, we note with concern that LGBTI-persons are subject to discrimination and stigmatization.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to decriminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults by repealing Section 133 and amending Section 132 of the criminal code.*

We commend efforts to protect sexual and reproductive health and rights, but note with concern the high rate of adolescent pregnancies.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to revise the Health and Family Life Education program to include comprehensive sexuality education in line with the United Nations international technical guidelines on sexuality education.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the UN Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol.*

Allow me in this context to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative (the CTI) stands ready to explore avenues to assist St. Lucia in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

We wish St. Lucia a successful review.

Thank you.