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**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Belgium, 5 May 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Belgium and thanks for its presentation.

We commend Belgium on the establishment of a national human rights institution, but note that it is still not in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

*Denmark recommends to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.*

We commend Belgium on the reduction of prison overcrowding, but note that the prison population still exceeds capacity.

*Denmark recommends to ensure that the prison population does not exceed prison capacity.*

Finally,

*Denmark recommends to ratify OPCAT.*

Denmark wishes Belgium a successful review.

I thank you!