**Universal Periodic Review, 38th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Latvia, 4 May 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Latvia and commend the progress made since its last UPR, including the adoption of the law on the termination of granting non-citizens status to children.

While also welcoming legislative measures adopted to combat gender-based violence, further efforts are needed.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Istanbul Convention.*

Conscious of ongoing efforts to educate police officers in combatting hate crimes, we note concerns regarding under-reporting.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to raise awareness about hate speech and take effective measures to encourage reporting of hate crimes, especially against LGBTI persons, for example by establishing a unit within law enforcement dedicated to the issue.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify OPCAT.*

Denmark wishes Latvia a successful review.

I thank you.