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**Intervention by Denmark**

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We thank the delegation of Namibia.

We welcome Namibia’s introduction of a Children’s Advocate in the Office of the Ombudsmand and its progress towards gender equality, but remain concerned about infringements of the rights of LGBTI persons.

*Denmark recommends repealing all laws that discriminate based on SOGI, including the Criminal Procedures Act 51 of 1977, the Labour Act 11 of 2007, and the Combating of Immoral Practices Act 21 of 1980.*

We acknowledge progress on the rights of indigenous people, but are concerned about the limited participation by indigenous people.

*Denmark recommends an effective implementation of the “White Paper on Indigenous Rights”, ensuring FPIC in the process.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends to ratify the OPCAT.*

Thank you.