**Universal Periodic Review, 38th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of the Solomon Islands, 10 May 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Solomon Islands.

While we note the steps taken towards combatting corporal punishment in schools, we remain concerned about its continued practice.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to explicitly prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings.*

Furthermore, violence and discrimination targeted LGBTI-persons remains a concern.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the 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 the Solomon Islands in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Denmark wishes the Solomon Islands a successful review.

I thank you.