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**Review of DENMARK**

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**Statement by Austria**

Thank you,

Austria welcomes the delegation of Denmark to the UPR and thanks them for their report and presentation today.

We commend the variety of steps that have been taken so far by Denmark since the last UPR in 2016, particularly with regard to initiatives to help prevent bullying and sexual harassment in work environments, and to combat domestic violence.

Reports indicate though that a high number of cases related to gender-based violence against women and girls continue to be a concern – and on a significantly higher level in Greenland.

Austria therefore offers the following recommendations:

1. *Continue efforts to address violence against women and children, with a particular focus on Greenland, where strengthened data collection on that matter is needed;*
2. *Ensure that the use of physical restraint and other forms of coercion in psychiatric institutions is in line with international human rights norms and standards;*
3. *Take steps to reduce child poverty and social exclusion of children, with a particular focus on Greenland and the Faroe Islands as well as children with a foreign background.*

I thank you.