**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 38th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Denmark**

**Statement by Australia**

**6 May 2021**

Australia welcomes Denmark’s continued commitment to human rights, including its leadership on freedom of expression and association. Australia commends Denmark’s efforts to increase gender equality, to combat gender-based violence and its official apology in 2020 to Greenlandic Inuit children removed from their families in 1951.

Australia recommends that **Denmark:**

1. **Repeal provisions in *Regulation L38* and the *Act on Policing* section 6(a) which designate so-called ‘ghettos’ and which allow for discrimination based on ethnicity for social housing and law enforcement.**
2. **Continue efforts to increase protections for victims of gender-based violence during investigations, including regular training for relevant professionals on the National Police Guidelines.**
3. **Ensure equal access to healthcare and essential services for persons with an ethnic minority background, including through the provision of quality, affordable translation and interpretation services.**

Thank you.