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Bhutan thanks the delegation for the comprehensive report and commend Belgium for the significant progress since its last review.

We welcome the series of initiatives undertaken by Belgium to reform the justice system, particularly measures to reduce prison overcrowding through long-term structural changes and legislative reforms, such as the application of the “Principles Act” that provide for improved conditions in detention.

We note the various policy measures taken by the Government such as the “Youth Guarantee” that have reduced youth unemployment and have also improved the performance of young people in the labour market. We recommend Belgium to continue its efforts in addressing the issue of youth unemployment.

Bhutan wishes Belgium a successful review.

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