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**UPR38 – Denmark**

**Statement by Slovakia**

6 May 2021

Madam President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Denmark to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Denmark for taking a number of positive steps to address human rights related issues and to advance its human rights legislative framework. We encourage it to continue incorporating the UN human rights conventions into its national legislation in order to give full effect to the rights enshrined in the conventions and ensure their justifiability.

We note with satisfaction the adoption by the Parliament of the legislative amendments, in particular recent changes to the Danish Extradition Act, in order to ratify eventually the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).

We value efforts by Denmark to enhance the protection of freedom of religion or belief both on the national and international level. People in the country are allowed to express their convictions freely.

We would like to offer following recommendations to Denmark for further consideration:

1. incorporate all provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols into its national legislation,
2. raise awareness of children about their rights, including through developing programs and campaigns in schools to increase their knowledge about the CRC,
3. take necessary steps to ratify the ICPPED,
4. ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We wish Denmark a successful review.

I thank you, Madam President.