**Universal Periodic Review, 39th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Eswatini, 8th November 2021**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Eswatini and commends it for progress made on combatting child, early and forced marriage. However, we remain concerned by the high rate of teen pregnancies.

Providing quality education, including comprehensive sexuality education explaining consent and the importance of using contraceptives, is key to empowering all women and girls.

*Denmark recommends the Government to provide access to comprehensive sexuality education as part of the school curriculum.*

We are concerned that the LGBTI-community continues to encounter discrimination and stigmatization.

*Denmark recommends the Government to decriminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults.*

Finally, *Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the OPCAT.*

We wish Eswatini a successful review.

I thank you.