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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Greece and commends it for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. However, we remain concerned about the prevalence of sexual- and gender-based violence.

Therefore, *Denmark recommends the Government to ensure universal access to high-quality services and access to justice for victims and survivors of sexual- and gender-based violence.*

We commend measures taken to reduce overcrowding in prisons and detention facilities, but are concerned that it remains a challenge.

*Denmark recommends the Government to bring its prison and detention conditions fully in line with international human rights norms and standards, including the Nelson Mandela Rules.*

Denmark wishes Greece a successful review.

I thank you.