**Universal Periodic Review, 39th session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda and commends the Government on the important steps taken to improve prison conditions. However, we remain concerned by continued reports of overcrowding and poor prison facilities.

*Denmark recommends the Government to bring its prisons in line with the Nelson Mandela Rules.*

*Denmark also recommends the Government to ratify the OPCAT.*

We note with regret the restrictive legal framework regarding individual rights and freedoms of women and girls.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend its legislation in order to legalize the termination of pregnancies, in cases of risk to the life of the pregnant woman, rape, incest and severe impairment of the foetus.*

Denmark wishes Antigua and Barbuda a successful review.

I thank you.