**Universal Periodic Review, 36th session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mme. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and thanks it for its presentation today.

*Denmark recommends the United Kingdom to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.*

Further, we stress the importance of safeguarding women and girls’ sexual and reproductive rights thus respecting their fundamental human rights. We welcome recent steps taken by the United Kingdom to ensure access to abortion in Northern Ireland.

*Denmark recommends the Government to follow up – and guarantee full implementation - of its recent commitment to ensure access to abortion for women in Northern Ireland.*

Denmark wishes the United Kingdom a successful review.

I thank you.