**Universal Periodic Review, 41st session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of the Philippines.

Denmark commends the Philippines’ continued efforts to undertake measures towards fully implementing the Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act [1997].

*Denmark recommends* the Government to fully and comprehensively implement the Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act and ensure full respect for the principle of free, prior and informed consent and meaningful participation at all stages of development projects that affects indigenous peoples.

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has expressed concern about the high levels of gender-based violence against women and girls with disabilities, including sexual violence and abuse.

*Denmark recommends*, the Philippines to develop a strategy to protect women and girls with disabilities against all forms of gender-based violence.

Finally, *Denmark recommends the Government* to ratify the Convention for the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearances

Denmark wishes the Philippines a successful review.

Thank you.