**Universal Periodic Review, 41th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 15 November 2022**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In order to lower hate crime rates against LGBTI+-persons, Denmark recommends to:

*Optimise law, policy, and practice by appointing discrimination-detectives in line with the government's anti-discrimination policy letter 30 950.284 and by adopting law 35709.6 to increase the percentages of perpetrators being prosecuted and convicted.*

The national preventive mechanism set out in the Optional Protocol is a key element in the prevention of torture. Denmark recommends to:

*Review the current formation of the mechanism with a view to bringing it fully into line with the guidelines on NPMs and the Paris Principles.*

We wish the Kingdom of the Netherlands a successful review.

I thank you.