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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of South Africa and thanks it for its presentation.

Denmark commends South Africa’s development of the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Bill.

Implementation of a national strategic plan to end gender-based violence and femicide is important.

*Denmark recommends* South Africa to establish the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide and to ensure adequate resources for the National Strategic Plan

Secondly, *Denmark recommends* to South Africa that all allegations of torture by law enforcement officials be investigated, and that all such officials be trained on the use of force.

Denmark wishes South Africa a successful review.

I thank you.