**Universal Periodic Review, 43th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Israel, May 9 2023**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel and thanks Israel for its engagement in the UPR-process.

Denmark would like to put forward the following three recommendations:

1. *Put an end to all current and future settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory.*
2. *Ensure that civil society, including human rights defenders, can operate freely and without obstacles.*
3. *Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

Denmark wishes Israel a most successful review.

Thank you.