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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark sincerely welcomes the delegation of Burundi and thanks it for its presentation today.

Denmark is deeply concerned by the developments in Burundi and particularly worried by the fact that Burundi in October 2017 became the only nation to leave the International Criminal Court. Further, Denmark is extremely concerned that Burundi is opposing investigations by the ICC for violations committed in the country.

* *Denmark* ***recommends*** *the Government of Burundi to allow investigations by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to be carried out unhindered*

Denmark is highly concerned by the decision by the Government of Burundi to suspend cooperation with the OHCHR and the Commission of Inquiry, most recently mandated by the Human Rights Council in September 2017. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251, as a member of the Human Rights Council, Burundi shall fully cooperate with the Council.

* *Denmark* ***recommends*** *Burundi to immediately permit the Commission of Inquiry to enter Burundi to conduct its investigation as mandated by the Human Rights Council*

Thank you.