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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

The Convention against Torture commits and guides States towards effective prohibition, punishment and prevention of torture and redress for victims. By ratifying, Tuvalu joins the rapidly growing number of more than 160 States Parties in the unequivocal message: Torture can never be tolerated.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

Allow me in this context to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative, which works through government-to-government exchange and cooperation, stands ready to explore avenues to assist the Government in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

The Optional Protocol to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women serves as an important tool in the implementation and reinforcement of the CEDAW convention and the rights set out herein.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

I thank you.