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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

We congratulate Colombia with the historic Peace Accord and positive steps towards reconciliation. It is important also in times with setbacks in the implementation of the peace process to remember its historic significance for Colombia and its people.

To guarantee that all individuals involved in the peace process will be able to carry out their legitimate activities without fear of reprisals and intimidations;

*Denmark recommends the Government to review and strengthen mechanisms for effective information sharing to ensure judicial investigations of killings, threats and intimidation faced by individuals in the peace process.*

Protecting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls is of key importance in ensuring their physical and mental well-being, safety, and health.

*Denmark therefore recommends the government to guarantee full access to safe abortion, within the existing legal framework, in all regions of the country.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (OPCAT).*

[Hvis tid: The Convention against Torture Initiativestands ready to explore avenues to assist the Government in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.]

I thank you.