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**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Russian Federation**

*Delivered by H.E. Mr. Daniel Blockert*

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Thank you Mr. President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation of the Russian Federation and would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. **To repeal the legislation on “undesirable organisations” and “foreign agents”.**
2. **To repeal laws that limit freedom of expression online and offline, including the so-called *Yarovaya package* of counter-terrorism legislation.**
3. **To end the practice of using the broad and vague anti-extremism and counter-terrorism legislation to pursue politically motivated charges.**
4. **To refrain from detaining participants of peaceful demonstrations and to ensure that police officers who use excessive force against protesters are held accountable.**
5. **To end the practice of obstructing peaceful demonstrations by, under politically motivated pretexts, not granting them authorization.**

Sweden wishes the Government of the Russian Federation all success in the current review.

I thank you Mr. President