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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the Mexican delegation and commends Mexico for having followed up on our earlier UPR recommendations.

Protecting the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of women and girls is of key importance.

*Denmark recommends the Government to harmonize federal and state legislation with a view to decriminalizing abortion and ensuring access to legal and safe abortion at least in cases of rape, incest and danger to the girl’s life or health.*

Denmark takes note that Mexico has taken steps to create a new, independent Attorney General’s Office to combat impunity. However, additional constitutional and legal reforms are still lacking.

*Denmark recommends the Government to establish an effective and independent mechanism to combat impunity and with a mandate to investigate atrocity crimes, human rights violations, and related acts of corruption.*

I thank you.