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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women guides the efforts of States to realise gender equality in law and practise by addressing discrimination against women and girls.

*Denmark recommends the Government to withdraw their reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

Indigenous peoples are amongst the most marginalised populations around the world often facing discrimination and exploitative labour conditions violating their human rights. ILO convention 169 is an important tool in securing and strengthening international norms concerning the right of indigenous peoples.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples convention No. 169 of the International Labour Organisation.*

I thank you.