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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Central African Republic and thanks it for its presentation today.

Denmark considers the use of the death penalty to be a cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and a violation of the right to life. Possible miscarriage of justice is inevitable in any legal system and Denmark strongly opposes the use of this irreversible punishment under all circumstances.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.*

I thank you.