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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture establishes an important set of practical tools for how to prevent torture and ill-treatment.

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

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 its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

I thank you.