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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

With more than 160 states parties, the UN Convention against Torture is a key instrument in the fight against torture and other cruel inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. It guides States towards effective prohibition, punishment and prevention of torture and redress for victims.

*Denmark recommends the Government to withdraw its reservations to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (CAT).*

The Convention against Torture Initiative stands ready to explore avenues to assist the Government in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

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 rights 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.