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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

Denmark strongly condemns the continuous and gross human rights violations committed by all parties to the conflict in Yemen. Denmark welcomes the Stockholm agreement and the ceasefire in Hodeida.

*Denmark recommends that Yemen ensures the protection of civilians in compliance with its obligations under international humanitarian law, including immediate, full and unhindered access for humanitarian supplies and personnel to all parts of Yemen.*

The ongoing conflict has had a devastating impact on children. Since the onset of the conflict child marriage is on the rise.

*Denmark recommends that Yemen takes urgent steps to ensure that an appropriate legal framework is in place to prevent marriage for children under the age of 18.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends that Yemen ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (OPCAT).*

I thank you.