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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

The Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture establishes a set of practical tools on how to prevent torture and ill-treatment. It has proven to be of real worth both to those working in the custodial systems and those in detention. Furthermore, the dialogue with the subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture is highly valuable to all states working to prevent torture and ill-treatment.

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

The Optional Protocol to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women serves as an important tool in the implementation and reinforcement of the CEDAW convention and the rights set out herein.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

I thank you.