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Mr. President,

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

Denmark remains deeply concerned by the situation concerning fundamental political and civil rights in Cambodia, including the dissolution of the main opposition party.

*Denmark recommends the Government to bring laws, regulations and policies on freedom of expression, association and public assembly into accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.*

The Cambodian constitution recognises the right to education and children’s rights. Unfortunately, girls leave school earlier than boys and thereby lag behind in education. Better educated girls and women tend to contribute substantially to social development and enable better health care and education for their children, should they choose to become mothers.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to develop concrete measures aimed at ensuring the effective retention of girls in schools.*

Denmark wishes Cambodia a successful review.

I thank you.