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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica and thanks it for its presentation.

Denmark recognizes Costa Rica’s legal framework for protection of indigenous peoples’ rights and underlines that violations must be investigated and perpetrators brought to justice. However, the approval of the bill on Autonomous Development of Indigenous Peoples has been pending for more than 20 years.

*Denmark recommends the Government to update and promote the approval of the Law on Autonomous Development of Indigenous Peoples.*

Denmark recognizes the progress made to promote gender equality, including approval of the Gender Equality Policy. However, no concrete plan of action has been elaborated to implement the Gender Equality Policy, and challenges persist relating to violence against women.

*Denmark recommends the Government to elaborate a plan of action for implementation of the Gender Equality Policy.*

Denmark wishes Costa Rica a successful review.

I thank you.