**Universal Periodic Review, 33nd session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Dominica, 9 may 2019**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

The Convention against Torture commits and guides States in the fight against torture. By ratifying, Dominica would join 166 States Parties in the unequivocal message: Torture can never be tolerated.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*

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

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women serves as an important tool in the implementation of the convention.

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

Denmark wishes Dominica a successful review.

I thank you.