**Universal Periodic Review, 33rd session**

**Human Rights Council**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark thanks the delegation of Ethiopia for its presentation and commends the notable improvements in the protection of human rights.

Protecting vulnerable groups affected by conflicts is a prerequisite to ensure further progress.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa.*

Protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls is of key importance.

*Denmark recommends the Government to eliminate harmful traditional practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation and decriminalise termination of pregnancies.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture.*

Denmark wishes Ethiopia a successful review.

I thank you.