**Universal Periodic Review, 33rd session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Nicaragua, 15 May 2019**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the Nicaragua delegation.

Press freedom has been systematically restricted in Nicaragua since April 2018, including through acts of violence and intimidation against journalists.

*Denmark recommends the Government to guarantee press freedom, including by refraining from using administrative, judicial, and financial means to unduly restrict its exercise.*

In September 2018, the OHCHR was expelled from Nicaragua a day after having published an important report on human rights violations and abuses committed in the country.

*Denmark recommends the Government to promptly allow the OHCHR to return to the country and to resume its cooperation with the OHCHR, the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council and the relevant treaty bodies.*

Denmark wishes Nicaragua a successful review.

Thank you.