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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation from Qatar and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend Qatar for passing a number of important human rights reforms since the last review. However, Denmark remains concerned about the continuing discrimination against women and girls.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend the Law of the Family No. 22 to ensure non-discrimination and equal access to all fields of society for women.*

We appreciate steps taken to implement previous recommendations on workers’ rights including adoption of Law No. 15 and cooperation with ILO. However;

*Denmark recommends reforming the Labour Code to ensure protection of labour rights in line with international standards for all workers, including domestic workers.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the OPCAT.*

Denmark wishes Qatar a successful review.

I thank you.