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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

We commend Angola for decriminalizing same-sex relations and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation with the adoption of the new Penal Code in 2019.

We are however concerned about the criminalization of abortion in certain cases.

*Denmark recommends the Government to bring its legislation, including Article 158 of the Penal Code, in line with Article 14(2c) of the Maputo Protocol on access to abortion.*

We also remain concerned about the practice of child, early and forced marriage.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend Article 24 of the Family Code to abolish any exceptions to 18 as the minimum age of marriage.*

We congratulate Angola for ratifying the UN Convention against Torture in October 2019. The Optional Protocol to the Convention establishes a set of practical tools on torture prevention.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the OP-CAT.*

Denmark wishes Angola a successful review.

Thank you.