**Universal Periodic Review, 34rd session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Egypt, 13 November 2019**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Egypt.

We commend Egypt for its ambitious SDG inspired development strategy.

To achieve the SDGs and address climate change, gender-responsive and inclusive action is needed, including managing population growth.

*Denmark recommends the Government to secure access to modern family planning methods, as per WHO approved standards, in all health facilities.*

A diverse and independent civil society is vital to ensure human rights.

*Denmark recommends the Government to effectively protect human rights defenders against intimidation or reprisals, including guaranteeing the right to unhindered access to international and regional human rights mechanisms.*

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

We wish Egypt a successful review.

Thank you.