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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and thanks it for its presentation.

We welcome reductions in executions as punishment for drug-related crimes.

However, many Human Rights are under pressure in Iran. The use of capital punishment remains a grave concern. As does continued discrimination against women and girls.

*Denmark recommends the Government to further amend the drug trafficking law to remove all mandatory death sentences for drug-related offenses and to adopt a moratorium on execution, particularly of juvenile offenders.*

*Denmark also recommends the Government to raise the legal minimum age of marriage, initially by amending article 1041 of the Civil Code to eliminate all exceptions to the application of the minimum age.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Convention against Torture and its optional protocol.*

Denmark wishes the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful review.

Thank you.