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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

We commend the adoption of the law on unaccompanied minors, while highlighting the need to ensure its full implementation. Furthermore, we reiterate the importance of establishing an independent national human rights institution, in line with previously accepted UPR recommendations.

We commend the adoption of the law on torture, but are concerned with its narrow definition.

*Denmark recommends the Government to align the definition on torture in law 110/2017 with the Convention against Torture.*

Despite measures taken to reduce overcrowding in prisons, this remains a challenge.

*Denmark recommends the Government to address overcrowding in prisons.*

Denmark wishes Italy a successful review.

I thank you.