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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

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

We commend steps taken to ensure universal access to health services, including the adoption of the Family Planning Act in 2018. However, we are concerned about the high maternal mortality rate in Madagascar.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend the Penal Code to decriminalize and eliminate all punitive measures related to termination of pregnancies in cases of rape, incest, severe foetal impairment and situations where the life of the mother is at risk.*

We are concerned that prison conditions in Madagascar are characterised *inter alia* by overcrowding, insufficient access to medical care and individual nutrition needs.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to bring its prison and detention conditions in line with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.*

Denmark wishes Madagascar a successful review.

I thank you.