**Universal Periodic Review, 35th session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of the Republic of Guinea, 21 January 2020**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

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

Denmark welcomes efforts to improve women and girls’ rights, including by prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). We however remain concerned by the continued prevalence of FGM and sexual violence against women.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend Art. 268 of the 2016 Criminal Code to explicitly criminalize marital rape.*

We commend Guinea for the criminalization of torture in 2016. Nonetheless, we remain concerned by reports of excessive use of force by the police.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend Art. 363 of the 2016 Criminal Code and Art. 31 of the 2016 Cybercrime Act to bring it in full compliance with Art. 19 of the ICCPR.*

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

Denmark wishes Guinea a successful review.

Thank you.