**Universal Periodic Review, 35 session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, 24 January 2020**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Guinea-Bissau.

We commend Guinea-Bissau for progress made in the health sector, including a reduction in child mortality. We are however concerned by the high prevalence of child, early and forced marriage.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend Art. 1602a and 1649 of the Criminal Code to abolish any exceptions to marriage before the age of 18.*

Denmark encourages Guinea-Bissau to continue its efforts to provide universal access to quality education by implementing its 2017-2025 Education Sector Plan, but we are concerned by the limited budget allocation for education.

*Denmark recommends the Government to meet the financial resource allocation requirement stipulated in the Education Sector Plan.*

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

Denmark wishes Guinea-Bissau a successful review.

I thank you.