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Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

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

We commend Guyana for the adoption of a sexual and reproductive health policy since its last UPR. However, we remain a concerned about the insufficient access to family planning services throughout the country.

*Denmark recommends the Government to take steps to ensure that sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion and contraception services and information, are available, accessible and affordable to all women and girls, especially in rural areas and among vulnerable groups.*

Furthermore, to ensure effective protection of human rights, it is essential that national legal and practical frameworks are in accordance with international human rights standards.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the OPCAT.*

*Denmark also recommends the Government to ratify the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples convention No. 169 of the ILO.*

Denmark wishes Guyana a successful review.

Thank you.