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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

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

Denmark commends Kyrgyzstan for observing the Danish recommendation given at the second UPR cycle by refraining from adopting the draft law on “Foreign Agents”.

Denmark encourages Kyrgyzstan to continue efforts to protect the fundamental rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

*Denmark recommends the Government to amend the overly broad definition of extremism contained in the Law on Countering Extremist Activities to ensure the legislation’s compatibility with international legal standards, including on freedom of expression.*

Denmark remains concerned about the inadequate legal protection of minority groups, including the LGBTI community.

*Denmark recommends the Government to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation aimed at protecting the fundamental rights of all minority groups.*

Denmark wishes Kyrgyzstan a successful review.

I thank you.