**Universal Periodic Review, 35rd session**

**Human Rights Council**

**UPR of Turkey, 28 January 2020**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Turkey.

Denmark commends the initial results of the Judicial Reform Strategy. However, we remain concerned about the Anti-Terrorism Law.

Denmark recommends the Government to bring the Anti-Terrorism Law *in line with international human rights standards and*to prevent prosecution of journalists and human rights defenders peacefully exercising their human rights.

Respecting fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, local governance and election results is central for a functioning democracy.

*Denmark recommends the Government to end the practice of replacing elected mayors with Government-appointed trustees before due judicial process is completed.*

We wish Turkey a successful review.

Thank you.