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**UPR of Honduras,**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

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

We commend Honduras for its ongoing efforts to protect human rights, including the establishment of a national Ministry of Human Rights.

We are, however, concerned with the inadequate protection of indigenous peoples’ rights relating to their territories and inclusion in the decision-making processes.

*Denmark recommend the Government to provide adequate resources to the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Ethnic and Cultural Heritage and the Directorate of Indigenous and Afro-Honduran Peoples with a view to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples*.

Protecting women and girls against all forms of discrimination is crucial to advance on human rights.

*Denmark therefore recommends the Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.*

Denmark wishes Honduras a successful review.

I thank you.