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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mdm. President,

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

Denmark commends Jamaica’s progress in the protection and promotion of human rights since its last UPR. We stress in this regard the importance of national human rights institutions to uphold and ensure continued progress.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.*

While recognizing some improvements relating to women’s rights, Denmark remains concerned about the inadequate protection of the LGBTI community.

*Denmark recommends the Government to decriminalize same-sex sexual acts and enact protective legislation for LGBTI-persons.*

*Finally, Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol.*

Allow me in this context to highlight that the Convention against Torture Initiative (the CTI) stands ready to explore avenues to assist Jamaica in advancing on this issue if deemed helpful.

Denmark wishes Jamaica a successful review.

I thank you.