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Statement by the Danish Institute for Human Rights
on the consideration of the UPR report on Denmark on 21 September 2011

Madame President,

The Danish Institute for Human Rights acknowledges the Danish Government's dedication to the UPR process and we appreciate the active involvement of the Institute and Danish civil society in the UPR process. However, the Danish Government accepted only 84 of the 133 recommendations focusing mainly on matters the Government already considers addressed in Denmark.

Madame President,

As Denmark's A-status national human rights institution, we encourage the Government to reconsider its response to a number of recommendations and we highlight today in particular the following issues.

1. Denmark should undertake a *systematic approach to the protection and promotion of human rights in Denmark*, including by developing a national human rights action plan;
2. Denmark should *participate fully in international human rights cooperation* by ratifying core conventions, by incorporating them into Danish law, and by accepting individual complaint mechanisms under international law;
3. Denmark should have *strong and independent human rights institutions*, including an Ombudsperson for Children as well as an adequately funded national human rights institution in Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.
4. Denmark should *take further action on a number of issues* of general significance to human rights in Denmark, including by specifying how the accepted recommendations will be implemented, but time does not allow me to elaborate on this.

Madame President,

We will at the Danish Institute for Human Rights strive to ensure that the questions and recommendations forwarded by members of the Human Rights Council will be included in the further dialogue on the protection and promotion of human rights in Denmark.

We look forward to a continued collaboration with the Danish Government and to engaging with the Human Rights Council during the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Thank you, Madame President.

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