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Madame Chair, excellencies.

I welcome the adoption of the third UPR report.

At the same time, I would like to acknowledge the Government's close engagement with us, and with Danish civil society, throughout the process

202 out of the 288 recommendations have been accepted. This means that 86 recommendations have not.

We welcome that Denmark has accepted recommendations on some key issues.

These include the use of coercive measures in the psychiatric system and prevention of sexual harassment and violence against women, not only in Denmark, but also in Greenland.

However, we find it particularly regrettable that the following human rights challenges have been noted by the Danish Government:

Firstly, the lack of a national action plan to combat hate crime motivated by racism, ethnicity or religion; Secondly, the use of solitary confinement as a disciplinary measure for more than 15 days; And thirdly, the three-year waiting period for family reunification – for refugees who have been given a temporary residence permit.

As Denmark's national human rights institution, we will continue to work for human rights through our monitoring and reporting activities.

The UPR can be a driver for change, and thus, we look forward to continuing our cooperation with the Danish government on the implementation of recommendations that have been accepted.

This will happen in close contact with our vibrant civil society.

Distinguished members of the Human Rights Council, I thank you for your attention.