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**Response by Denmark to Note Verbale of 2 September 2015 regarding Human Rights Council resolution 29/22**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to OHCHR/DESIB/15/NV2, would like to convey the following in supplement to the joint response presented by the Member States of the European Union, as delivered by the European Union Delegation to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.

Denmark recognizes the importance of families in our societies and attaches great importance to the right of the individual to form various forms of families irrespective of gender identity and of what is traditionally understood as the constellation of a family.

Denmark finds that the protection of the family is founded in the human rights of the individual members of a family.

Ultimately Denmark finds that Resolution 29/22 does not reflect established human rights standards with regards to the human rights of girls and women, gender equality and the rights of the child nor does it properly recognize the fact that various forms of families exist.

States have obligations under international human rights law to take all necessary steps to protect and promote the human rights of all individuals, including members of a family without discrimination. Denmark finds that Resolution 29/22 falls short in addressing the need to protect and promote the human rights of the individual family member and fails to recognise the different family contexts that exist.

Denmark avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

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