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**THE DANISH INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) is Denmark's national human rights institution (NHRI). DIHR was established in 1987 and is regulated by act no. 553 of 18 June 2012 on the Institute for Human Rights – Denmark's National Human Rights Institution.

DIHR is an independent, self-governing institution within the public administration and is established and functioning in accordance with the UN Paris Principles. DIHR is accredited as an A-status NHRI.

DIHR is also appointed as National Equality Body in accordance with EU directives on equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on the grounds of gender and race or ethnic origin. Furthermore DIHR is designated as independent mechanisms to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD.

DIHR monitors the human rights situation in Denmark and publishes an annual status report as well as academic research, analyses and reports on human rights.

In 2014, DIHR was appointed as the national human rights institution of Greenland. The mandate of DIHR thus covers Denmark and Greenland. DIHR cooperates with the Human Rights Council of Greenland in carrying out the monitoring function in Greenland. The mandate of DIHR does not extend to the Faroe Islands, the other self-governed part of the Kingdom of Denmark.

**INITIATIVES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPR OF DENMARK**

During the preparations for the UPR of Denmark 2016, DIHR has conducted national hearings in Denmark, Greenland and The Faroe Islands in cooperation with the Danish Ministry of foreign Affairs.

DIHR is submitting an independent stakeholder report to the UPR. Furthermore, DIHR has provided assistance to the Human Rights Council of Greenland and a group of Danish civil society organisations in the preparation of their stakeholder reports.