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The Danish Institute for Human Rights (the Institute) welcomes the call 
for input in relation to the negative impact of corruption on the 
enjoyment of human rights by the Office of the High Commissioner for 
Human Rights. 

Generally, the Institute finds, corruption is not an issue impeding the 
realisation of Denmark’s human rights obligations. Thus, the Institute 
has conducted little work in Denmark on the subject matter and refers 
the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Right to other sources, 
e.g. the following: 

According to Transparency International Denmark was the least corrupt 
country in the world in 2018.¹ Nevertheless, in a recent report by Group 
of States Against Corruption (GRECO) finds that there is reason to 
strengthen prevention measures in the Danish integrity system in which 
trust is a central feature.² 

¹ Transparency International, Denmark overview of corruption and anti- 
² Fifth evaluation round, preventing corruption and promoting integrity 
in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement 
Likewise, Transparency International has highlighted that recent scandals – most notably a money-laundering case involving the largest bank in Denmark, Danske Bank – have exposed weaknesses in Denmark’s integrity system, particularly in relation to the private sector as well as gaps in the legislative framework relating to issues such as conflict of interest, lobbying, political financing and whistle blower protection.³

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