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## INPUT TO THE 2023 REPORT OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PURSUANT TO HRC RESOLUTION 47/21

The Danish Institute for Human Rights welcomes the call by OHCHR on 1 March 2023 for information in preparation of the 2023 report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Human Rights Council resolution 47/21.

The Danish Institute for Human Rights would like to kindly draw the attention to a recent [report](#) prepared by the Danish Institute for Human Rights on ethnic profiling in the Danish Police<sup>1</sup>. Although the report does not exclusively concern human rights violations by law enforcement officers against people of African descent, the report's focus, more broadly, on ethnic minorities in Denmark might be of relevance to the drafting of the 2023 report.

The following findings from the report can be highlighted:

In Denmark, there is a higher probability of getting charged in a case that ends in acquittal for ethnic minorities compared to ethnic Danes. Thus, 11 pct. of the charges of ethnic Danes ends with acquittal. Whereas for immigrants, 14 pct. of the charges ends in acquittal and 16 percent in the case of descendants of immigrants.

The figures implies that there is a 27 and 45 pct. higher risk for ethnic minorities to be charged in a case not resulting in a conviction for immigrants and descendants of immigrant, respectively. When segregating the data by country of origin, the issue appears to be

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<sup>1</sup> Danish Institute for Human Right (2022). "[Ethnic profiling: A Registry Analysis of Charges and Arrests without Convictions](#)"

particularly prevalent among people of African descendant.<sup>2</sup> For instance, persons of Somali origin, the probability of a charge not resulting in a conviction is 45 pct. higher in comparison to persons of Danish origin.

In conclusion, the report strongly indicates the existence of ethnic profiling among law enforcement officers and specifically within the Danish Police. Moreover, that there may be a prevalent ethnic profiling of among persons of African descent.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if any additional input on the topic is needed.

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<sup>2</sup> Danish Institute for Human Right (2022). "[Ethnic profiling: A Registry Analysis of Charges and Arrests without Convictions](#)", p. 14