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The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in reference to the letter of 5 March 2014 regarding

By facilitatin.g a common approach th.e Copenhagen Process strives to contribute to ensuting the hurnane . treatment of detainees and the effectiveness of intemational military operations, and the Principles and Guidelin.es are founded on the legal principles that all petsons who are detained or whose liberty is being restricted must be treated humanely, that any detention must be conducted in accordance with ai;Jplicable law, and on the policy principle that legal authority to detain should be exercised in a prudent manner.

Representatives of the African Union, the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations, and the International Committee of the Red Cross attended the Copenhagen Process meetings as obsetvers.

Military J'vlanual
Denmark has initiated wotk on a milita1:y manual on the laws of atmed conflicts applicable to Danish military forces patticipating in international operations. The putpose is to establish clear over-all guidelines on how intemational humanitarian law and human rights should be implemented in the planning and execution of military opetations. Using the practical challenges that have occutred in previous international operations as a statting point, the manual will cover issues such as targeting, use of military force, protection of civilians, injuted persons and detainees, and will provide guidelines on the applicability of human rights when Danish forces participate in international operations. As part of the process symposiums will be held with the participation of the Danish Red Cross, DIGNITY (Danish Institute against Torture) and The Danish Institute for Human Rights to qualify the work. The military manual is expected to be completed in 2016.

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2. 5 million bomblets. The desttuction of these munitions relied on extensive recycling which has helped minimize destruction costs.

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