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The Biennial High Level Consultation on Bilateral Cooperation between the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of Denmark was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013. The Bhutanese delegation was led by Mr. Kinga Singye, Director General, Department of Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Danish delegation by Mr. Christian Dons Christensen, Head, Department for Asia, Latin America and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Danish delegation appreciated the strong commitment and support extended by the national and local governments to the Danish-Bhutanese partnership during Bhutan's Tenth Five-Year Plan, including the support and assistance extended to the Representation Office of Denmark in Thimphu. They also appreciated the smooth transition of Bhutan to democracy and the successful conduct of the second parliamentary elections.

The Danish delegation reiterated its commitment to support Bhutan as an eligible country for receiving Danish supported multilateral funds to support efforts within climate change, environmental protection and others.

The Bhutanese delegation expressed deep appreciation to the Government of Denmark for its generous assistance to Bhutan as a programme country since 1989 and reiterated the importance that it attaches to Denmark's support to Bhutan's socio-economic development and bilateral relations.

The two sides held extensive exchange of views on all aspects of bilateral relations and issues of mutual concerns. They agreed on the importance of continuing their dialogue to further strengthen the strong ties of friendship, goodwill and understanding which exist between the two countries.

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