

UPR Algeria

Intervention by the Netherlands (1 min 26 sec)

Maurits ter Kuile, First Secretary

Thank you Madame President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the Honourable Mr. _____, for his/her introduction of Algeria's national report before the Human Rights Council.

Madame President,

The Netherlands commends the government of Algeria for its reforms of laws concerning women participation in political decision making processes. However, we have received reports that the remaining discriminatory provisions in the Family Code are still reasons for concern. The Netherlands therefore recommends repealing all discriminatory provisions in national law based on gender.

Madame President,

In relation to the freedom of expression and the press, the Netherlands is concerned about the enduring content-based restriction of expression. We have received reports that there are legal obligations which state that an approval is needed for all publications by a media regulatory authority. My delegation would recommend reviewing all laws that are restricting freedom of expression and the press.

Thank you, Madame President.