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**Statement by the Netherlands**

*Introduction*

Madam President,

First I should like to thank..…. for his presentation of the national report.

*Substance*

The Netherlands would like to commend the Government of Finland for the establishment of the Human Rights Centre and associated Human Rights Delegation which, according to your national report, will contribute to develop indicators for assessing concrete realization of fundamental and human rights.

Furthermore, the Netherlands encourages the steps Finland has taken in order to enhance implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. We hope that the Government of Finland will continue with the ongoing efforts to give children a safe, stable and violence-free living environment.

*Recommendations*

Therefore the Netherlands recommends:

1. to provide a framework for prohibiting use of child labour by Finnish companies engaged with businesses abroad and multinational companies headquartered in Finland; (A/HRC/WG.6/13/FIN/2, par. 39)
2. to allocate sufficient funds in order to ensure an effective implementation of the National Action Plan to reduce violence against women that came into force in 2010. (A/HRC/WG.6/13/FIN/3, par. 22)

Thank you, Madam President.