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UPR of the Netherlands

Madame President,

We thank the delegation of the Netherlands for their detailed presentation *and for answers provided to our advance questions.*

Slovenia appreciates that the Netherlands presented a National Interim Report in April 2010. We welcome that the Netherlands accepted the recommendation given by Slovenia in the first cycle, and has taken meaningful steps to ensure the inclusion of a gender perspective in the follow-up to the UPR.

We commend the Netherlands for its active role within the Human Rights Council, and for the high level of respect for human rights and for its commitments to the protection of human rights in compliance with international obligations. *We appreciate that the Netherlands has passed legislation for the establishment of a national Institute for Human Rights and the establishment of an Ombudsman for children.*

However, we are concerned that the number of child abuse cases is not decreasing and that corporal punishment is not prohibited in Aruba. We further share concerns with CEDAW and CESCRC about insufficient progress made in combating structural inequality, the disadvantages that women continue to experience in the labor market, the wage gap between men and women, the underrepresentation of women in the labor market, and their concentration in part-time employment.

In order to further improve the human rights situation in the Netherlands, we offer the following recommendations:

- The prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings throughout the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Ensure that women enjoy equal access to the labor market and equal pay for work of equal value.
- Adopt a National Action Plan on Human Right Education.

Thank you, Madame President.