**Universal Periodic Review 14 – Argentina**

**Intervention by the Netherlands**

Madam President,

The government of the Netherlands would like to thank the government of Argentina for its national report and mr/mrs (?) for his/her introductory statement.

The Netherlands commends the government of Argentina on its good overall human rights record. Various measures have been taken to further improve the protection of human rights, but challenges still remain.

We expect Argentina to finalize and effectively implement legislation for the establishment of the required National Mechanism for the prevention of torture covering all places where people are deprived of their liberty.

We have two recommendations in the field of women’s rights.

[Laws and regulations have been implemented to counter discrimination against women and violence against women. Nevertheless there is an overall impression that perpetrators of such violence are not or not sufficiently prosecuted and punished. ]

Recommendations:

1. Analyze the causes of the perceived impunity of perpetrators of violence against women and allocate funds and personnel to overcome these causes.
2. Introduce legal and other measures to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity stemming from unsafe abortions.

Thank you, Madam President.