**Universal Periodic Review 14 – Guatemala**

**Intervention by the Netherlands**

Madam President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the Honourable Excellency, for the introduction of the national report of Guatemala. The Netherlands is pleased to hear about the progress Guatemala has made since its last UPR review. Especially Guatemala’s accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which was one of the Dutch recommendations during the last session, is of great importance to us. The Netherlands also welcomes the work of fiscal general Claudia Paz y Paz in Guatemala’s fight against impunity.

Madam President,

The Netherlands would like to recommend the Government of Guatemala the following:

Firstly: To combat the increasing number of femicide-cases by ensuring the provision of financial resources for the effective implementation of the Law against Femicide and by implementing and adequately funding and coordinating the National Plan for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Violence against Women.

Secondly, we recommend that the government of Guatemala promotes human rights in police and judicial cooperation by empowering the human rights units in state institutions through adequate funding, coordination and institutional capacity-building.

Thank you, Madam President