

**Universal Periodic Review 15 – Barbados**

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**Intervention by the Netherlands**

Madam President,

The Netherlands would like to thank mr/mrs ..... for his/her presentation on the basis of the national report here today and the extensive and clear elaboration on the human rights situation in Barbados.

The Netherlands takes note of the progress on the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace. In 2009, The Netherlands recommended the government of Barbados to undertake legislative measures to address the issue of sexual harassment. We are content about the Sexual Harassment Bill, as written in the national report, planned for the end of 2012. We trust this Bill will be adopted and implemented during the course of 2013.

We recommend the government of Barbados to show leadership in human rights issues by protecting all human rights within the country, including those of LGBT, and the freedom of movement and expression of human rights defenders, starting by organizing a dialogue between government, civil society and interested individuals, on these and other human rights related issues.

Thank you, Madam President.