

## Universal Periodic Review 15 – Romania

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### Intervention by the Netherlands

Madam President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the Honourable Excellency, mr/mrs ..... for the introduction of the national report of Romania. The Netherlands is pleased to hear about the progress Romania has made since its last UPR review. Yet, according to the "Discrimination phenomenon in Romania" study conducted in the year 2010 by the Romanian National Council for Combating Discrimination (a Governmental Organisation) LGBT people are the most discriminated group in Romanian society. The Netherlands would like to recommend the Government of Romania to adopt appropriate measures to counter discrimination and to develop policies in order to integrate existing legislation against discrimination at various societal levels in Romania.

Secondly, the Netherlands would like to address the issue of sexual and reproductive health in Romania. In Romania there is currently no active strategy in force in the field of sexual and reproductive health, although the country ranks among the firsts in the EU on number of teen-age pregnancies, abortion and lack of access to reproductive health services. The government of the Netherlands recommends the government of Romania to adopt a national strategy on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Thank you, Madam President