

Universal Periodic Review 15 – UAE

Intervention by the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the government of the UAE for its national report and the extensive explanation of the national human rights situation in the Emirates by mr/mrs..... here today.

The Netherlands commends the government of the United Arab Emirates on its developments in several areas within the field of human rights since the last review in 2008. However, the government of the Netherlands would still recommend the United Arab Emirates to become a party to the main international human rights treaties and therefore to ratify the ICCPR and ICESCR and to withdraw the unilateral declaration which seriously limits the scope of the definition of torture under CAT.

Secondly, there are currently 92 states extending a standing invitation to thematic special procedures. The Netherlands calls upon the United Arab Emirates to join these countries and recommends the United Arab Emirates to extend an open invitation to special procedures.

Thank you, Mr. President.