

Universal Periodic Review 16 – Cape Verde

Intervention by the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the government of Cape Verde for its national report and the detailed explanation of the human rights situation in Cape Verde by Mr/Ms..... here today.

The Netherlands commends Cape Verde for its efforts to improve its national human rights situation. Since the last UPR, Cape Verde has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Netherlands would like to raise one important concern.

Although we acknowledge the action Cape Verde has taken to eradicate child labour, we believe that there is still progress to be made. The Netherlands therefore recommends that Cape Verde continue its efforts to stop child labour by monitoring the implementation of the 2008 Labour Code, especially in rural communities.

Thank you, Mr. President.