**Universal Periodic Review – Congo**

**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Netherlands compliments the government of Congo for having ratified the Rome Statute in light of the global fight against impunity.

Referring to the UPR of 2009, the Netherlands is concerned about several recommendations which Congo accepted, but that have not yet been implemented. These include, amongst others, the ratification of several conventions and protocols.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore recommends:

1. to proceed on the commitment to ratify the following protocols: the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
2. to fully implement all obligations under the Rome Statute in its national legislation, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC, and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts.

I thank you, Mr. President.