

## Universal Periodic Review 18 – Chili

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### Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the delegation of Chile for their national statement.

Chile's constructive and active role concerning human rights in multilateral fora, such as the Security Council and Human Rights Council is warmly appreciated. The Netherlands welcomes Chile's efforts to further enhance the promotion and protection of human rights, and in particular equal rights for LGBT people

The national report and other sources show Chile's substantial progress on a number of human rights issues.

However there still remain challenges. We hope that the UPR will assist the government to further promote human rights in Chile, by signing international treaties, adopting new laws that include human rights principles but also by implementing those treaties and laws and actively promoting them.

Therefore the Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends Chile:

1. To follow through with the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women now that a bill is under review following recommendations made during the previous UPR session.
2. To support new laws and measures to counter discriminatory attitudes in society and to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity by providing public education and supporting equality initiatives.

I thank you, Mr. President.