

Universal Periodic Review 17 – Comoros

Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands welcomes the Comoran delegation to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. We would like to thank the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands appreciates Comoros' continued efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people. The commitment of the government of the Comoros to equality and non-discrimination for all has not gone unnoticed.

We specifically note with appreciation that the Comoros has continued to implement measures against domestic and sexual violence against women, a recommendation which was accepted by the Comoros in the first cycle of the UPR in 2009. However, the lack of victim protection measures remains a challenge and (sexual) violence against women is still a point of concern.

The Netherlands encourages the Comoros to continue efforts in this regard to tackle gender-based violence, improve victim protection measures, and strive for equality and non-discrimination for all Comoran people.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore recommends the Comoros:

1. to review report A/HRC/19/41 of the High Commissioner on sexual orientation and gender identity and give consideration to implementing the recommendations therein;
2. to increase its efforts to combat sexual and domestic violence against women.

I thank you, Mr. President.