

## Universal Periodic Review 18 – Cyprus

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### Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Netherlands warmly welcomes the delegation of Cyprus to the UPR and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people.

Cyprus' efforts to further enhance the promotion and protection of the civil and political rights of its people, and in particular the rights of LGBT people, and its continued dialogue with representatives of the LGBT community, have not gone unnoticed.

The Netherlands furthermore welcomes Cyprus' National Action Plan on Gender Equality and other efforts to tackle disparities between women and men, for example in the workplace. The Manual of Interdepartmental Cooperation on Domestic Violence, with the participation of NGOs, which is currently under review, is a good example.

The Netherlands encourages Cyprus to continue to improve the implementation of efforts in these areas.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore recommends Cyprus:

1. to include a prohibition of discrimination of any kind, including discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, in areas outside employment in line with international standards.
2. to extend its interdepartmental approach on domestic violence also towards forms of violence outside the family, for example gender-related violence and violence against LGBT people.

I thank you, Mr. President.