

Universal Periodic Review 18 – Dominican Republic

Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mrs. Vice-President,

The Netherlands welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic to the second cycle of the UPR and appreciates its comprehensive presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands has taken note of the efforts of the Dominican government to establish gender equality and equity. However, gender-based violence remains prevalent and these concerns remain as long as the government has not included violence against women in the Criminal Code.

In addition, the Netherlands is concerned about maternal mortality rates and discrimination against LGBT.

Therefore the Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends the Dominican Republic:

1. to adopt a plan to reduce maternal mortality and to equally decriminalize abortion in cases of incest or rape.
2. to adopt legislation to protect LGBT persons against gender-based violence and discrimination.

I thank you, Mrs. Vice-President.