

**Universal Periodic Review 19 – Norway
Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands commends Norway for its dedication and contribution to the protection and promotion of human rights. Norway plays an important role in the development and implementation of human rights norms around the world.

The Netherlands also commends Norway for the external review of the functioning of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, which did not comply with the Paris Principles, and for the development of plans to establish a new National Human Rights Institution.

As in 2009, the Netherlands would like to draw attention to concerns about the situation of detainees, specifically the length of detention in police cells.

In this regard, the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to recommend the government of Norway:

- To provide for the necessary conditions to be able to limit detention in police cells to the 48-hour term as required by Norwegian law.
- To establish the new National Human Rights Institution in such a way that it can operate effectively and independently, in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mr President.