**Universal Periodic Review 19 - Qatar**
**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands welcomes the efforts of Qatar with regard to the UPR process and the good cooperation Qatar has extended to the UN special procedures. Notwithstanding the progress that has been made, the greatest human rights challenge, for Qatar in the coming years, without any doubt, will be the position and rights of migrant workers and their decent work conditions, an issue that commands worldwide attention.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore recommends Qatar to:

1. To ratify the 3 remaining fundamental ILO Conventions, to enforce effectively the ratified conventions and relevant labour laws, with a special focus on the elimination of forced labour (Convention 29), while continuing to work in close and active cooperation with the ILO and other international organizations.
2. Make *adequate labour conditions and decent work* an important criterion for granting building contracts and permits, and to actively improve the enforcement of its labour laws, including by applying penalties for, and blacklisting of, contractors in case of violation of the relevant laws and decrees.

Thank you.