

Universal Periodic Review 21 – Kiribati

Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to thank the delegation of Kiribati for the presentation of their national report. As a Kingdom consisting of four countries partly below sea level, the Netherlands is aware of the challenges faced by Kiribati through the adverse effects of climate change. These effects can influence the right to water, food and health of the Kiribati population. We appreciate the fact that Kiribati has improved its environmental legislation but more has to be done to ensure that the population can fully enjoy its basic rights.

The Netherlands is also concerned about the high rate of violence and sexual offenses against women and children in the country. We would also welcome ratification of the Rome Statute.

1. The Netherlands recommends the government of Kiribati to take concrete measures to prevent violence and sexual offenses against women and children and to ensure prosecution of perpetrators of such violence.
2. The Netherlands recommends the government of Kiribati to accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to implement it into national law.

Thank you, Mr. President.
