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## **Universal Periodic Review 22 – Principality of Andorra**

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### **Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mme President,

The Netherlands thanks the government of Andorra for its report. [And His Excellency for the interactive and responsive manner in which he has engaged with this room today.]

We have noted with appreciation that Andorra has recently ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

1. In line with our recommendations during the previous UPR of Andorra, the Netherlands recommends the government of Andorra to amend legislation in order to decriminalize abortion under certain circumstances, such as pregnancies that are the result of rape.
2. The Netherlands also recommends the Government of Andorra to ratify the Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [within the timeframe of the third UPR Cycle].

We remain concerned about the negative effects that the continued criminalization of abortion in Andorra has had on the health and safety of women.

Thank you Mme. President