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Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks Bulgaria for its report [and for addressing our advance questions].

We have noted with appreciation that the recently amended *Protection from Discrimination Act* now also includes protection against discrimination in the case of gender reassignment. The Netherlands welcomes the efforts of the government to fight discrimination against LGBT persons and to protect their rights.

1. The Netherlands recommends the government of Bulgaria to implement the *National Roma Integration Strategy* with special focus on improving Roma employment in rural areas, ensuring health insurance coverage, improving housing conditions and combating hate speech against Roma.
2. The Netherlands also recommends the Government of Bulgaria to adopt a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to subscribe to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.