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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the delegation of Jamaica for their presentation of the report.

We have noted with appreciation that the government of Jamaica has adopted the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, the Sexual Offences Act and the Child Pornography Act.

1. The Netherlands recommends the government of Jamaica to step up its efforts to protect all its citizens from violence and discrimination, including LGBTI persons.

2. The Netherlands recommends the Government of Jamaica to accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts, and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC).

We make the first recommendation because we remain concerned about the violence against LGBTI persons. It is reported that LGBTI persons face political and legal stigmatization, police violence and inability to access the justice system.

We also note that Jamaica has not signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The Netherlands attaches great importance to the fight against impunity for international crimes. We believe in the Rome Statute as an important way forward in this regard.

Thank you Mr. President