

## **UPR22 Mongolia**

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

Thank you Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the government of Mongolia for its report.

We have noted with appreciation Mongolia's increased international activity to promote democratic values. The organization of the Freedom Online Conference is an excellent example and we hope that this conference will have a positive effect on rights and freedoms online in Mongolia and the region.

The Netherlands would like to make the following recommendations:

1. The Netherlands recommends Mongolia to develop a National Action Plan on business and human rights, for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, with special attention for the situation of nomadic herders and access to remedy.
2. The Netherlands recommends the government of Mongolia to step up its efforts to counter discrimination and violence on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and to structurally collect data and provide statistics and information in this regard.

We make these recommendations because, while welcoming the newly drafted provision in the Criminal Code that imposes criminal liability in case of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, we remain concerned that in practice violence and discrimination persists. These cases often remain undocumented and underreported.

Another concern is that national law does not provide sufficient protection for people affected by mining and infrastructure construction, in particular the protection of nomadic herders and their livelihoods. A National Action Plan on business and human rights could help in this regard. It should also address the recommendations of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (A/HRC/23/32 add1).

Thank you Mr. President