**Universal Periodic Review 24 – Denmark**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

We thank Denmark for its report [and for addressing our advance questions], and commend Denmark for putting human rights at the forefront of its national and international policies. We encourage Denmark to continue to do so, in search of the highest possible standards – also when confronted with external challenges, as is the case for Europe today.  
  
We recommend Denmark:

1. Firstly, to allow minors to change their legal gender by allowing the person exercising parental authority over the minor to file an application.
2. Secondly, as previously recommended, to carry out an inclusive, evidence-based evaluation of the Danish antiterrorism legislation.

Mr President,

We would like to pay tribute to Denmark when it comes to protecting the rights of LGBTI people. The IDAHOT Forum, to be held in Copenhagen in May, underlines this longstanding commitment. However, the quality of life of both children and youth would be better safeguarded if their self-experienced gender were recognized as authentic and legitimate.

We also compliment the Danish government for presenting an overall summary of its antiterrorism legislation. Our recommendation aims to ensure that all measures are in compliance with international human rights law and standards.

Thank you, Mr. President.