**Universal Periodic Review – Brazil**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Netherlands would like to thank Brazil for its comprehensive report [and for addressing our advance questions].

We commend the governments of Brazil’s commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in Brazil.

At the same time, we regret to note a lack of progress in the area of corporate social responsibility, especially in the Amazon regions, and continuing attacks against journalists and human rights defenders that denounce related abuses.

The Netherlands therefore has two recommendations to Brazil:

1. Develop a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights in order to prevent development projects from violating the rights of traditional populations, indigenous peoples and workers and causing damage to the environment, and in order to ensure effective remedy with meaningful consultation to the affected communities.
2. Take all necessary measures to ensure the physical integrity of journalists and human rights defenders, including an explicit and published decision on instituting a federal investigation and prosecution in all cases involving violence against human rights defenders.

The Netherlands looks forward to continued cooperation with Brazil and stands ready to share experiences with regards to National Action Plans on Business and Haman Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.