**Universal Periodic Review – United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its comprehensive report. The Netherlands commends in particular measures taken in the field of tackling modern slavery.

The Netherlands recommends the United Kingdom:

1. To ensure the accessibility of appropriate legal aid to safeguard access to justice for all, particularly the most marginalized groups in society.
2. To continue to strengthen data collection to better understand the scale and severity of hate crimes, to assess the impact of the Hate Crime Action Plan.

Mr. President,

Our delegation welcomes the United Kingdom’s positive legislative changes and other measures it has taken to protect human rights. We encourage the government of the United Kingdom to safeguard access to justice in a non-discriminatory manner, and to review related measures in close consultation with relevant stakeholders.

As for hate crime, we welcome the measures taken by the United Kingdom, and especially the Hate Crime Action Plan. Improved reporting mechanisms and a review of new measures taken, will contribute to a better understanding of the scale and severity of hate crimes.

[We wish the United Kingdom every success in the implementation of the UPR recommendations.]

Thank you, Mr. President