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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Cameroon for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands commends the Cameroon Government on its efforts since the last cycle to ratify international human rights instruments.

The Netherlands is preoccupied by the persistence of discrimination based on sexual orientation and the deterioration in press freedom.

Building on the reports, The Netherlands recommends:

1. **Eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and protect the LGBTIQ+ community from violence and harassment.**
2. **Lift existing restrictions on the media and enhance safety of journalists, with a particular focus on female journalists, by reforming the press law.**

The Netherlands wishes Cameroun success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, President.