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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks Germany for the presentation of its report and for its enduring commitment to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of human rights.

We commend Germany for the adoption of the Gender Equality Strategy, the Conversion Therapy Act and the establishment of a Commission on reproductive autonomy and reproductive medicine, which further strengthen the enjoyment of human rights by LGBTQI+ persons and women and girls.

Building on these achievements, the Netherlands recommends Germany to:

1. Decriminalize abortion and provide universal access to safe abortion, post-abortion care and evidence-based, non-biased abortion-related information
2. Expand its range of services safeguarding women against gender-based violence.

The Netherlands wishes Germany every success with the follow-up and implementation of all accepted recommendations it receives during this fourth UPR cycle.

Thank you, President.