**28th Universal Periodic Review – Argentine Republic**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands (6 Nov.)**

Thank you Mr./Madam President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to thank the government of Argentina for its national report.

We commend the government of Argentina on its strong overall human rights record. We welcome the impressive progress Argentina has made in the field of human rights, not only domestically, but also at the international level, in particular in defending and promoting the equal rights for women and LGBTI.

Domestically, various concrete legislative measures have been taken to further improve the protection of human rights. The full implementation of this improved legal framework is key. To this end, the Netherlands would like to make two recommendations.

1. The Netherlands welcomes the creation of a National Women’s Council as well as a Department of Sexual Diversity at the Secretary for Human Rights. The Netherlands recommends Argentina to further mainstream human rights throughout its administration, both at national and provincial levels, to ensure that legal reforms result in improved human rights protection, especially for women and LGBTI.
2. Furthermore, the Netherlands welcomes the action taken by the Argentinian government to ensure that perpetrators of violence against women are held to account. However, as there continues to be room for improvement; we recommend that the government allocate additional financial and human resources to policies and programs aimed at combatting violence against women and girls.

Thank you Mr. President.