**Universal Periodic Review 28 – Republic of Peru**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks Peru for its comprehensive report. We commend Peru for progress made in the investigation of human rights violations committed during the internal armed conflict between 1980 and 2000. The Netherlands welcomes the ongoing efforts to consolidate democracy and economic growth and encourages the government of Peru to continue taking proactive steps in the field of business and human rights.

We are concerned about the protection of human rights in relation to the use of force by public and private forces. This specifically affects human rights defenders and indigenous communities in the context of social and environmental conflicts. The Netherlands therefore recommends Peru to:

1. Firstly, to ensure the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples by completing the official register of indigenous communities; improving the process of prior consultations in the context of extractive sector projects and the provision of adequate healthcare and reparations to indigenous communities affected by health and environmental damage caused by extractive industries.
2. And secondly, to apply for membership of the Voluntary Principles Initiative on Security and Human Rights which facilitates the relations between companies of the extractive sector and civil society groups with regard to the prevention of human rights violations.

Thank you Mr. President.