**Universal Periodic Review – Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to thank Switzerland for its comprehensive report.

The Netherlands commends Switzerland for the significant progress made to ensure freedom of press and hopes that Switzerland will continue this positive development.

We welcome the importance Switzerland attaches to women's rights and the participation of women in politics and the economy.

We also welcome the strong engagement of Switzerland in the promotion of prevention of atrocities at the international level, including through its chairmanship of the Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes.

1. The Netherlands recommends Switzerland to take measures on awareness raising and education about the LGBTI-community, by developing and implementing a concrete national action plan in cooperation with LGBTI civil society organizations for all levels of the state.

2. The Netherlands recommends Switzerland to further strengthen its engagement in the promotion of prevention of atrocities by undertaking efforts to prevent atrocities at the national level since history shows that no country is immune to atrocities.

The Netherlands regrets that Switzerland has still not established a national Human Rights Institution. We believe that this is essential to ensure effective implementation.

Thank you, Mr. President.