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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 21-1-21**

Thank you President,

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

The Netherlands welcomes Oman’s promotion of tolerance and peaceful co-existence through its foreign policy, in particular in the Gulf region. The Netherlands commends Oman on becoming a party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We welcome the withdrawal of Oman’s reservations on article 15(4) and 20(1) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). These are clear steps taken by Oman to improve the protection of human rights in the country.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends Oman:

1. To sign and ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights .
2. To withdraw reservations to CEDAW Articles 9(2) regarding the nationality of children, and CEDAW Article 16 relating to appropriate measures, to improve women’s rights in all matters relating to marriage and family relations.

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