**Universal Periodic Review 37 – Rwanda**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr/Ms. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Rwanda for the presentation of its national report. We appreciate the progress made since the last review as well as the extensive consultations held with stakeholders, feeding into the current report. However, the Netherlands remains concerned about reports of enforced disappearances which are not always followed up on by the Government. Also, while Rwanda’s detention system has undergone positive reforms, the continuing constraints in relation to overcrowding remain worrisome. Therefore, the Netherlands recommends Rwanda:

1. To become party to and implement the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance to ensure compliance with international standards, in line with our previous two recommendations.
2. To adopt the implementing order for the introduction of community service as provided in Law No. 68/2018 and the swift implementation of other alternatives to detention.

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

Thank you, Mr./Ms. President.