**Universal Periodic Review 38 – Singapore**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands – 12 May 2021**

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

Building on Singapore’s successful efforts to promote a harmonious multi-ethnic society, further steps by the government of Singapore would be welcomed to the promotion and protection of all human rights for all citizens.

The Netherlands **recommends** Singapore to:

1. Abolish section 377A of the Penal Code, which penalizes “carnal intercourse against the order of nature”, and actively improve the position of LGBTI+ persons.
2. Amend Article 14 of the Constitution so that it clearly proclaims press freedom and freedom of expression and information without any restriction.
3. Re-establish a moratorium on executions with a view to the complete abolition of the death penalty.

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

Thank you.