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**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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

The Netherlands commends Niger for the significant progress made with the ratification of international instruments.

However, the Netherlands remains concerned about sexual and reproductive health in Niger and restrictions imposed on civic space, especially in the run up to the elections.

The Netherlands **recommends** the Republic of Niger:

1. To implement measures and allocate adequate resources to improve adolescents’ access to sexual and reproductive health services, information and contraceptives, as part of the National Health Development Plan 2022-2026, including through the creation of an enabling environment within communities, with parents and religious institutions.
2. Encouraging a safe and enabling environment for civil society by protecting it from harassment restrictions and undue detention by removing obstacles to freedom of assembly -- in particular by revising Ordinance 84-06 of March 1, 1984 -- to include the principle of declaration instead of authorization.

We wish Niger success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you.