**Universal Periodic Review 39 – Hungary**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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

We commend Hungary for signing the Istanbul Convention, and call for its swift ratification and implementation.

We are concerned about the state of the rule of law in Hungary with independent institutions, checks and balances and inclusive decision making processes under tremendous pressure.

We underline our concern with Hungarian anti-LGBTI laws, which have a devastating effect on the acceptance of LGBTI persons and can significantly impact their mental health.

Therefore, the Netherlands **recommends** Hungary to:

1. Ensure judicial independence, including by reinforcing the National Judicial Council in line with recommendations of the Venice Commission and the Council of Europe, and fully comply with the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and the EU Court of Justice.

2. Take effective measures to prevent and prohibit discrimination against LGBTI people, including by revoking the anti-LGBTI provisions of the anti-paedophilia law and re-establishing the Equal Treatment Authority.

The Netherlands wishes Hungary success with the follow-up of all recommendations.

Thank you.