**Universal Periodic Review 3rd cycle– Thailand**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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

We commend Thailand for making improvements in the acceptance of LGBTI persons at both a legislative and societal level.

However, we are concerned about the application of laws and regulations that negatively affect the enabling environment of civil society, including human rights defenders and journalists. Also allegations of enforced disappearances of activists are worrying.

The Netherlands **recommends** Thailand to:

1. Amend legislation to recognize equality in marriage for LGBTI persons.
2. Create and maintain, in law and in practice, an enabling environment for civil society, including by guaranteeing that the draft *Law governing Operation of Not-for-Profit Organizations, 2021* is revised to conform with international norms and good regulatory practices relating to the freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

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

I thank you