**Universal Periodic Review 40 – Uganda – January 27th 2022**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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

The Netherlands **commends** the Ugandan Government for the high number of women in Parliament and selected in high executive positions. We however **remain concerned** by the lack of accountability for the use of force during the recent electoral period.

The Netherlands **recommends** Uganda to:

1. Conduct prompt, impartial and effective investigations into excessive use of force by security forces and ensure perpetrators are brought to justice in fair trials.
2. End the intimidation and harassment of Human Rights Defenders, civil society organizations and journalists and ensure that they can exist and operate freely and independently.
3. Implement the High Court’s decision by developing and implementing a comprehensive sexuality education policy for young people, to reduce unplanned and adolescent pregnancies, and sexually transmitted infections.

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

Thank you, Mr President.