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Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Netherlands and thanks it for its National Report.

We recognize the government’s strong commitment to maintaining and strengthening human rights domestically and internationally.

Lithuania particularly commends the adoption and implementation of the second *National Human Rights Action Plan*, and the active involvement of municipalities in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We also welcome the new *Plan against Labour Market Discrimination,* as well as all the actions carried out in tackling discrimination in the housing market, as underlined in the *2022 National Housing Agenda*.

In the spirit of good cooperation, Lithuania wishes to offer the Netherlands the following recommendations:

* One, ratify the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.
* Two, continue to increase the level of representation of women in decision-making positions in the public and private sectors.

We wish the Netherlands a successful review.

I thank you.