

**Statement by India**

**at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group 41st Session (7th-18th November 2022): 4th UPR of Netherlands– Interactive Dialogue,**

**delivered by Mr. Pawankumar Badhe, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva (15th November 2022)**

Mr. President,

India warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Netherlands for the comprehensive presentation.

2. We commend the effective response of the Government of Netherlands to address the COVID-19 pandemic and appreciate the support extended to the vulnerable groups in particular for tackling poverty and debt.

3. In the spirit of cooperation, India recommends the following:

1. Continue to take necessary measures in curbing structural discrimination against persons of foreign origin, including strengthening the work of the National Coordinator on Racism and Discrimination
2. Consider developing policies related to inclusion of persons with disabilities, especially on the public employment.
3. Continue to take efforts to remove obstacles hindering the inclusion of children with special educational needs in the education system.

4. We wish the delegation of Netherlands all success in its future endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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