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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

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

The Kingdom of the Netherlands appreciate the progress made by the Government of Peru in the field of human rights, including by the adoption of a new National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. We, furthermore, recognize the support that the establishment and operationalization of the Intersectoral Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders has provided to certain human rights defenders whose lives were at risk. Nonetheless, we underline the importance of adequately funding and resourcing this Mechanism so that it can provide the comprehensive protection defenders need and deserve.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands wants to express our concern regarding the complex political and social situation in the country, which has sparked a series of acts of violence and the alleged perpetration of human rights violations. We hope that this situation will be resolved soon through an inclusive national dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, whereby due attention is given to the most urgent social demands.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends the Government of Peru to:

1. Guarantee the implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education throughout the national territory applying an intersectional perspective of gender, interculturality and human rights, and repeal the norms, including Law 904-2021, that establish barriers for the provision of gender sensitive education.
2. Promote the adoption of legislation that facilitates the fast and free modification of a person’s sex on administrative and legal documents so that this corresponds with a person’s gender identity, in order to protect and promote transgender people’s rights, as well as their social and labour inclusion.

The Netherlands wishes Peru every success with the follow-up and implementation of all accepted recommendations it receives during this fourth UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mister President.