**Universal Periodic Review 43 – Romania**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands commends the Romanian Government for its ratification of the Istanbul Convention and looks forward to its implementation by improving data collection and allocating sufficient resources for the relevant institutions.

The Netherlands recommends to:

1. implement mandatory access to Health Education in schools, including comprehensive sexuality education and HIV/AIDS prevention.

2. establish a protocol for hospital managers to ensure unrestricted access to on-request abortion through the public health system in all counties and to include on-request abortion in the list of procedures to be covered by the budget of the National Health Insurance Fund.

3. Ensure that violence against Romani women is an area of intervention of the National Strategy for Inclusion of Romanian Citizens Belonging to the Roma Minority, and that it includes specific measures of prevention and combating all forms of violence, including domestic violence and trafficking.

We wish Romania a successful review.

Thank you.