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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Burundi for the presentation of its national report and commends the Burundian Government’s increased engagement with international partners.

The Netherlands, however, remains concerned about the human rights situation in Burundi in general, and in particular about gender based inequality and treatment of sexual and gender minorities.

The Netherlands therefore recommends:

1. To revise articles 27, 35, 37, 70, and 71 of ministerial order number 60/1078 on the harmonization of school regulations, so as to encourage pregnant girls to stay in school as long as they wish and ensure reintegration as soon as they feel able.

2. To repeal Article 590 of Law No. 1/27 of December 29, 2017, thereby decriminalizing sexual relations between adults of the same sex.

I thank you, Mr. (/Ms. Vice-) President.