**Universal Periodic Review 43 – Liechtenstein**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of the Principality of Liechtenstein for the presentation of its national report and for its enduring commitment to the pursuit of accountability for human rights violations including through its work at this Council

The Netherlands commends the Liechtenstein Government for its ratification of the Istanbul Convention in June 2021 and for the ongoing legislative process to recognise same-sex marriage, which creates an opportunity to further strengthen the protection and promotion of the rights of LGBTQI+ persons in Liechtenstein.

The Netherlands, however, notes with concern the restrictive circumstances under which women can have legal access to abortion in the State under Review.

Therefore, the Netherlands recommends Liechtenstein to:

1. Amend its legislation on abortion to allow for additional exceptions to the legal ban, including in cases of foetal impairment, and take measures to ensure that women have access to safe and legal abortion services and high-quality post-abortion care.
2. Commission a study on discrimination and other issues faced by LGBTQI+ persons and develop meaningful measures to improve their situation.

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

Thank you, President.