**Universal Periodic Review 43 – Serbia**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** – 1 min 15

The Kingdom of the Netherlands commends the Serbian Government for the important step forward of a verdict in the fight against impunity for attacks on journalists, and we encourage to ensure that similar convictions can take place.

Contrarily, we were alarmed by the restrictions of Euro Pride last year and the increase in violence and hatred against the LGBTQI+ community recorded since then.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands recommends:

1. Adopt the law on public information and media, the law on electronic media and the law on broadcasting.
2. Adopt a comprehensive law on legal gender recognition and secure trans and intersex affirming healthcare, in line with international human rights standards and best practices, as well as adopting the law on same-sex partnership that was finalized in 2021.
3. Ensure specialized women’s CSOs can provide gender-responsive and timely free legal aid to victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

We wish Serbia a successful review. Thank you.