**Universal Periodic Review 29 – The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the presentation of its report here today.

The Netherlands congratulates Luxembourg on adopting and implementing the draft law on the marriage among same-sex persons. The Netherlands encourages Luxembourg to continue working towards the ratification and implementation of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

1. The Netherlands recommends Luxembourg to take additional measures to thoroughly protect all human rights defenders, including journalists. In this way, Luxembourg could lead by example in the protection of press freedom worldwide, one of the great challenges of our time.
2. We also recommend Luxembourg to continue developing a national action plan on business and human rights. As Luxembourg is home to many large companies, a national action plan would be particularly relevant.

The Netherlands looks forward to continuing the close cooperation with Luxemburg in BENELUX format, both in the context of this Human Rights Council and beyond.

We wish Luxembourg every success in implementing the UPR recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. President.