**Universal Periodic Review 30 – Cameroon**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks Cameroon for its report.

We welcome the standing invitation issued by Cameroon to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. We are also pleased that the penal code adopted in 2016 aims to end child, early and forced marriage.

The Netherlands is concerned about the growing number of reports of discrimination, violence, and allegations of torture, ill-treatment, and arbitrary arrest and detention in Cameroon’s Anglophone regions. We urge the government to fulfill its human rights obligations, including in the field of freedom of expression and assembly.

1. The Netherlands recommends the government to ensure transparency and provide information related to the human rights situation in the Anglophone region, inter alia through allowing the United Nations and national and international human rights institutions and organizations access to the region.
2. In addition, we recommend the government to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and to protect the LGBTI-community from violence and harassment.

We sincerely thank the delegation from Cameroon for taking our recommendations into consideration and wish Cameroon all the success in its UPR.   
   
Thank you, Mr. President.