**Universal Periodic Review 31 – Mexico**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **- 7 November 2018**

Thank you, Mr President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of the United Mexican States for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands would like to thank the government of president Peña Nieto for the advancements made since the last UPR of the United Mexican States.

We wish president-elect López Obrador every success in his ambitious plan to end corruption, impunity and to address inequality and violence.

The Netherlands **recommends** Mexico:

1. To address impunity – especially related to corruption - by strengthening the agility of its New Adversarial Criminal Justice System. This includes follow-up on its intention to establish an independent National Prosecutor’s Office.
2. To further strengthen and harmonize its policies for the protection of human rights defenders and journalists, including a more proactive and investigatory role for its federal Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists.

The Netherlands wishes Mexico every success with the implementation, reporting and follow-up of all the UPR recommendations that it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr President.