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**Statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – 12 November 2018**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Monaco for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands commends Monaco for setting up the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Rights and Liberties and for Mediation. We also compliment Monaco on ratifying the Istanbul Convention and the Council of Europe Convention on the prevention of trafficking in human beings.

However, the Netherlands remains concerned about two issues relating to women’s rights and LGBTI rights.

Therefore, we recommend Monaco:

1. To counter discrimination against women in political participation and family affairs, in particular through repealing reservations made under article 7(b), 9, and 16 (1) (e) and (g) of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, including through the amendment of the nationality law to ensure that women and men have equal rights with regard to obtaining, keeping and transmitting nationality.
2. To amend legislation in order to grant equal recognition and legal rights to same sex couples, in particular with respect to laws governing marriage, cohabitation of couples, adoption and employment discrimination.

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

I thank you, Mr. President.