**Universal Periodic Review 32 – Chile**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 22 January 2019**

Thank you, Mr President,

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

The Netherlands commends Chile for the progress made in enhancing human rights, and in particular those of LGBTI persons. Evidenced, amongst others, by the approval of the *Gender Identity Bill*, allowing transgenders to legally change their gender in official records.

However, challenges remain. Progress in the area of human rights can be sustained by implementing, signing or ratifying international treaties and adopting new laws containing human rights dimensions.

Therefore, The Netherlands **recommends** Chile:

1. To ratify the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*, as recommended in the previous UPR cycle.
2. To proceed with the legalization of same sex marriages by ratifying the *Marriage Equality Bill* currently under debate in Congress.

The Netherlands wishes Chile success with the follow-up of all recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr President.