**Universal Periodic Review 33 – Norway**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 6 May 2019**

Mr President,

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

The Netherlands congratulates Norway with the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in 2015, that is fully compliant with the Paris Principles having received ‘A-status’ accreditation in 2017.

The Netherlands also welcomes Norway’s commitment to advancing women’s rights and the measures put in place to that end. However, a national prevalence study documents that almost every tenth woman has been subject to rape at least once in her lifetime, whilst only one out of ten women reported this rape to the police. Despite recommendations made by UN treaty bodies to Norwegian authorities, the definition of rape in the Penal Code is still not centered on the lack of consent.

The Netherlands **recommends** Norway:

1. To adopt a legal definition of rape in the Penal Code which places the absence of consent at its center, in line with SDG 16.
2. To provide training to judges, prosecutors and lawyers about gender-based violence, including rape and other sexual violence, in line with SDG 5.

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

Thank you, Mr President