**Universal Periodic Review 33 – Qatar**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– May 15, 2019**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of **The State of Qatar** for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands **commends** the government of Qatar with the enhanced position of women in public life, and the positive steps taken towards improving the position of migrant workers in Qatar, notably the implementation of Law No. 13/2018.

The Netherlands **remains concerned** about the position of workers not covered by the Labor Law and **encourages** Qatar to continue cooperating with the ILO

The Kingdom of the Netherlands **recommends** The State of Qatar:

1. To swiftly develop and implement legislation to abolish the Kafalah-system and in the short term, include workers that are not covered by the Labor Law, thus guaranteeing the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association for all inhabitants of Qatar, in line with SDGs 8 and 10.
2. To withdraw its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), such as the right of a child to obtain Qatari nationality from a Qatari woman married to a foreign man, in line with SDGs 5 and 10.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.