**Universal Periodic Review 34 – San Marino**

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

Thank you, Madam Vice President,

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

The Netherlands welcomes the recent legal amendments by the Government of San Marino that introduce the prohibition of discrimination based on gender identity, and that extend the principle of equality by including explicit prohibition of distinctions based on sexual orientation.

The Netherlands recommends San Marino to:

1. Introduce legal protection for same-sex couples, giving them the opportunity to obtain legal recognition of their relationship and allowing them the right to get married and to adopt children.

2. Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles and allow it to also act as an equality and anti-discrimination body.

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

Thank you, Madam Vice President.