**Universal Periodic Review 35 – Grenada**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 27 January 2020**

Thank you Mr. President,

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

We commend the government of Grenada on the strengthening of domestic measures to combat domestic and gender based violence. The level of violence against women and girls remains, however, alarmingly high. We therefore encourage the government to continue to prioritize the effective implementation of these measures.

We regret that Grenada has not supported our previous recommendations regarding the criminalization and discrimination of LGBTI persons in Grenada’s laws and policies.

For that reason, the Netherlands **recommends** Grenada to:

1. Immediately repeal or amend all discriminatory laws and policies that criminalize consensual sexual activity between adults of the same sex, including Section 431 of the Criminal Code.
2. Adopt legal and regulatory measures to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health services without restrictions in terms of marital status, age and third-party authorization requirements.

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

Thank you, Mr. President.