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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 23 January 2020**

Thank you, Mr President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands wishes to thank the delegation of the Republic of Kenya for the presentation of its report.

The Netherlands welcomes Kenya’s efforts in fighting corruption and President Kenyatta’s commitment to end Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya by 2020. We thank Kenya for the organization of the ICPD+25 conference in Nairobi last November.

The Netherlands **recommends** Kenya to:

1. Immediately implement the High Court judgement in Petition No. 266 of 2015 by reinstating the Standards and Guidelines on Reducing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity related to unsafe abortion and the Training Curriculum for medical professionals in public hospitals.
2. Take immediate steps to enact the Refugee Bill (2019), gazetted through Gazette supplement No 126, endorsing amendments that lead to enhancing freedom of movement and refugee inclusion.
3. Take additional measures to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, including on the basis of sex and sexual orientation and gender identity.

We wish Kenya the best in implementing the UPR recommendations in support of its Big 4 Agenda. Thank you, Mr President.