**Universal Periodic Review 35 – The Kingdom of Sweden**

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

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

The Netherlands commends Sweden for the steps taken to establish an independent and publicly accountable National Human Rights Institute (NHRI). We encourage Sweden to ensure the authority is compliant with the UN Paris principles.

We take note of the recurring incidents of violence, discrimination and intolerance directed at religious minorities.

1. Take concrete measures to increase knowledge and expertise of law enforcement officials to effectively address acts of agitation against religious minorities.
2. Facilitate the legal registration of the self-defined gender identity of transgender persons by detaching the change of legal gender from requirements on mandatory medical assessments or procedures.

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

Thank you, Mr President.