**Universal Periodic Review 36 – Honduras**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 5 November 2020**

Madam President,

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

The Netherlands is pleased to see that Honduras has followed up on previous UPR cycle recommendations. We particularly welcome efforts to adopt laws and policies protecting human rights defenders and journalists. We also welcome the strengthening of human rights institutions, including the Ministry of Human Rights.

Yet, important challenges remain. Especially with regards to the protection and promotion of human rights for all citizens in Honduras, including access to justice for vulnerable groups.

The Netherlands **recommends** Honduras to:

1. Ensure the effectiveness of the National Protection Mechanism for human rights defenders and journalists by allocating sufficient funds and a comprehensive evaluation of its performance;
2. Collect data on violence and discrimination against LGTBI people with a view to enabling policy change, protection and access to justice.

The Netherlands wishes Honduras success with the implementation of the recommendations it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Madam President.