**Universal Periodic Review 36 – Jamaica**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 11 November 2020**

Madam President,

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

We commend Jamaica for the launch of a 10-year National Strategic Action Plan to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence.

However, we remain concerned about the rights of LGBTI persons. To date, Jamaica has provisions in place that criminalize consensual same-sex relationships. Moreover, a 2019 Awareness, Attitude and Perception Survey shows broad intolerance (57%) amongst the general public in Jamaica towards LGBTI people.

The Netherlands **recommends** Jamaica to:

1. Repeal all provisions that criminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults by 2025.
2. Enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation to provide accessible remedies for all forms of discrimination whether in public or private and in particular in the context of education, health, housing, social security, employment or accessing services by 2025.

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

Thank you, Madam President.