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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands** **– 4 November 2020**

Thank you Madame President,

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

The Netherlands commends the government of Mongolia on the adopted and implemented policies regarding the protection of children’s rights, such as the revised Law on the Child Rights and the Law on Child Protection.

With the revision of its Criminal Code, Mongolia has also established the necessary legal framework to combat discrimination against LGBTI persons. However, challenges remain with implementation and regarding the recognition and protection of LGBTI rights.

The Netherlands therefore recommends Mongolia:

1. To introduce a non-discrimination policy inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity in all educational institutions to ensure a safe environment for LGBTI youth to develop and express themselves without fear of retribution by educational institutions or peers.
2. To combat stereotypes and prejudice against LGBTI persons by raising public awareness and implementing effective training of law enforcement agencies.

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

Thank you Madame President.