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Thank you, Mr. President,

Israel warmly welcomes the delegation of the Netherlands to the UPR, and would like to thank it for its report.

Israel takes note of the important measures taken by the Netherlands since its last UPR, such as the establishment of a National Action Plan on Human Rights, the “Rainbow Cities” initiative, and Sexual Violence Centers, as well as the many policies adopted to fight human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The Netherlands' serious approach to the UPR process is further demonstrated by the presentation of a voluntary interim report in 2014, as well as the special attention it has given to the Caribbean parts of the country.

Israel would like to recommend to the Netherlands the following:

1. To guarantee access to legal gender recognition for both intersex and transgender people of all ages, without legal, administrative or financial barriers.
2. To continue the development of policies to fight hate speech.
3. To further develop measures to fight Antisemitism and Holocaust denial, including in the field of education.
4. To ensure training of prosecutors and security forces so they can identify, investigate and prosecute cases of gender-based violence.

I thank you Mr. President.