**Universal Periodic Review 27 – Republic of the Philippines**

**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks the Philippines for its report and commends the government for the impressive measures taken in the fight against online child exploitation and human trafficking. We appreciate our strong cooperation with the Philippines on these issues.

As challenges remain, we recommend the Philippines to:

1. Strengthen the fight against human trafficking in all forms, including by strengthening inter-agency coordination to combat cybersex in the community and by securing cooperation from the private sector to prevent and respond to child online abuse.

In addition, we recommend the Philippines to:

1. Take immediate steps to permit abortion in cases where a woman’s or girl’s life or physical or mental health is in danger; where the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest; and in cases of fetal impairment, with a view to decriminalizing abortion in the near future.

And, we recommend the Philippines to:

1. Take immediate steps to stopextrajudicial killings and to conduct an independent and impartial inquiry into all enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings so that the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice*.*

We are concerned about the high number of extrajudicial killings in the fight against drug related crimes.

We thank the government of the Philippines for its engagement today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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