

Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on protection against violence and  
discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Chair,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands aligns itself with the statements of the EU and the LGBTI core group.

Mr. Madrigal-Borloz,

We would like to voice our deep appreciation for your work and we have read your report with great interest. The report provides further evidence to what we have seen over and over again: that war and conflict affect LGBTI persons in very specific ways, with patterns of violence that are inherently different from other forms of conflict-related violence.

This knowledge is crucial to formulate more informed responses and to improve the gender framework in our peace and security agenda. We hope that this report will also inspire others, such as UN peacebuilding and peacekeeping actors, to continue and strengthen work in this regard. [For example by continuing efforts to appropriately prevent, and address misconduct, such as sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, by UN officials and experts on mission activities, and by sensitizing these actors on the role of gender, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in conflicts.] So that we may practice what we preach.

**Mr. Madrigal-Borloz, in your report, the importance of including LGBTI voices in peace negotiations is highlighted, including some good practices. In your view, in which UN spaces could states and civil society advocate for this best?**

Thank you.