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TOPIC A

State represented: THE KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS

**Topic: Innovative measures to improve
the social and political status of the stateless people**

The Kingdom of Netherlands expresses its deep concern of the rising problem with the stateless people all over the world. The Netherlands fully supports all international efforts for solving this major humanitarian matter, reaffirms its readiness for a continuation active role and declares its position for a needable openness, cooperation and pragmatism that the international community can assist in a satisfactory conclusion to this problem.

Due to our willingness for an open progressive dialogue and actions in satisfactory conclusion, The Kingdom of Netherlands is calling upon other states for a full respect and observation of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, adopted by the United Nations organization and full cooperation in developing innovative measure to improve the social and political status of the stateless people. The Kingdom of Netherlands believes that there are three major points on which the international community should focus its attention in solving the matter of stateless people and which should be a focus of further development. Firstly, the prevention of statelessness; secondly, the reduction of statelessness; and thirdly, the protection of stateless people. The outlined three objectives form the core of the problem and introduce the path to the creation of working solutions. The Kingdom of Netherlands is convinced that the first and most important initiative should be the prevention of statelessness by improving bilateral, regional and international cooperation. This should include sharing "best practices" in areas such as registration and documentation in order to prevent people of falling between "the cracks" and becoming accidental victims of statelessness due to discrepancies in law and legal systems. Possession of nationality is essential for full participation in society; many are unable to exercise a full range of social and political rights, as a result of their statelessness or 'national minority' status in many countries. This is why the Kingdom of Netherlands is convinced that the efforts to develop common law principles with regard to nationality and legislation of this status are essential part of the prevention of the occurrence of statelessness. The Kingdom of Netherlands expresses its position of the need of improvement and facilitation of the legislation path and nationality questions where applicable, in full respect of the stateless person's private matters and the legal system of the state required. Such improvement of the status should include reasonable attention to the questions of deportation; also working practices in integration of stateless people by providing them with all possible levels of education, health care and household; aiming to work closely at national, regional and international levels to develop new policies and strengthen existing laws,



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consultation – and development of policies – in specific areas such as strengthening the rights and individual identities and the matters of integration by both local and international working mechanisms. The Kingdom of Netherlands calls upon the other states to work upon an improvement of the mutual work in order to develop a better social and political status of the stateless people, where as countries should mutually share the responsibility for the stateless.

The Kingdom of Netherlands would like also to draw attention to problems that have occurred in matters concerning the stateless women and children and expresses its desire for the creation of working mechanisms in which a guiding principle should be the best interest of the standard of children- the usual least protected victims of the statelessness. By focusing its attention on the matter of the protection of the stateless people in general, the Kingdom of Netherlands believes that the international community should join its efforts in developing the existing practices in protection and help for people with a stateless status all over the world by exchanging working mechanisms and involvement in problems with full cooperation in order to solve a pressing matter wherever it has occur. As far as the Human Rights Commission is concerned it should place a greater emphasis on assisting countries that face problems. In return, these countries should demonstrate openness for dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. The Kingdom of Netherlands affirms its position to work towards a better life and living conditions for all displaced people.



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TOPIC B

State represented:

THE KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS

Topic:

Situation of Mexican National Human Rights Commission

The Kingdom of Netherlands expresses its deep concern in relation of the present situation in the Mexican National Human Rights Commission and strongly believes that this wide ranging problem should be of a great concern by The United Nations Human Rights Council and the international community in the present moment.

According to last reports by Human Rights Watch, we regretfully determine, that less has changed on the matter of human rights in the region since the crucial events, that marked not only Mexico, but the whole Latin America area in the 1960's and 1970's of the 20th century. It is obvious that besides the democratic social and politics structure in Mexico, basic human rights, discrimination based on racial, political and other matters, still occur not only by separated groups of people, but in the whole country and on all its political and social levels. This is why The Kingdom of Netherlands believes that in such unstable situation the role of the Mexican National Human Rights Commission is of a crucial meaning where a clear violation of basic human rights is obvious. We express our deepest concern regarding the Mexican National Human Rights Commission and its inability to face the situation in an adequate way, acknowledging of what is in best interest of the harmed people.

The Kingdom of Netherlands recognizes as major problems on the behalf of the Commission the huge influence of the local state political authorities in its work, which seriously endangers the fairness and openness of the commission's work, and violates not only the international law, but also founding chapters of the Charter of The United Nations organization; lack of publicity of cases brought to the attention of the Commission which practically makes its work useless. The Kingdom of Netherlands are calling upon fast and effective measures on the matter on the behalf of the international community and reaffirms its readiness to play an active role in it. We are calling upon the establishment and development of a working collaboration in the field of practices between the international community and with the Commission, whereas to improve publicity level of all cases that are in concern of the Commission and the creation of a working mechanisms for abolishing the precarious influence of the local political authorities over the work of the Commission. The Kingdom of Netherlands calls for the introduction of legislation reforms in order to harmonize Mexican law with international human rights regulations especially the promotion of guaranteed opportunity of public access to information regarding the work of the Mexican National Human Rights Commission. This should be a step closer towards the idea the state initiations to remedy human rights abuses.