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Dear CEDAW Secretariat,

The enclosed second shadow report '*Mind the gap: Addressing Policy Gaps in Women's Rights*' has been compiled on behalf of the Dutch CEDAW Network. This independent network consists of a core group of Dutch NGOs and several individual experts working on women's human rights in the Netherlands. In addition to this core group a large number of other NGOs is connected to the network, all lending their expertise.

The 90 Dutch NGOs/CSOs that endorsed this shadow report are listed below.

The report reflects the concerns and questions of civil society regarding women's rights in the Netherlands and aims to contribute as input for the constructive dialogue. The NGOs are particularly concerned that the government continues to use gender-neutral policies that lack a gender-responsive and intersectional approach in various areas, such as gender-based violence, trafficking, discrimination on the labour market, and the status of migrant women workers. These policies often reinforce rather than challenge gender stereotypes. Another key theme is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which acted as a magnifier of existing gender inequalities.

The attached shadow report in word and pdf can be posted on the CEDAW website for public information purposes. The shadow report is evidence based. References, however, could not be included in the attached report without exceeding the maximum amount of 6,600 words. All references can be found in the annotated version of the shadow report that is published on the website of the Dutch CEDAW-Network: <https://www.vn-vrouwenverdrag.nl/shadow-report-2-0/>

The Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has funded the process by which this shadow report was produced. Regretfully, no funding was provided for preparing contributions regarding the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom (the countries Aruba, Curacao, St Maarten and the special municipalities the islands Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba). Hence, the report only addresses the European territory of the Kingdom, which is here referred to as the Netherlands.

This shadow report has been prepared for the 89th CEDAW session in October 2024. As the constructive dialogue with the Dutch government has been postponed to the 90th session (February 2025), we would appreciate the opportunity to submit a short addendum to this report before the session on significant developments in the issues we have covered in this report (max. 1-2 pages).

With kind regards,



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Chair Dutch CEDAW Network

### **LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS**

1. 75inQ (75inQ Institute Diversity in Energy)
2. ActionAid Nederland (ActionAid Netherlands)
3. Alliantie Politica (Alliance Politica)
4. Art. 1 - Kenniscentrum discriminatie Nederland (Art. 1 - Dutch knowledge centre on discrimination)
5. ASKV/Steunpunt Vluchtelingen (ASKV/Refugee Support)
6. Atria, Kennisinstituut voor Emancipatie en Vrouwengeschiedenis (Atria, Institute on Gender Equality and Women's history)
7. Bi+ Nederland (Bi+ Netherlands)
8. Both ENDS
9. Bureau Clara Wichmann
10. CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality
11. COC Nederland (COC Netherlands)
12. Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers (CFMW)
13. Coördinatiecentrum tegen Mensenhandel (COMENSHA) (Dutch Coordination Centre against Human Trafficking)
14. Defence for Children Nederland
15. Dokters van de Wereld (Doctors of the World)
16. Dona Daria, kenniscentrum Emancipatie te Rotterdam (Dona Daria, Expertise Centre for Emancipation)
17. Elance Academy
18. Emancipator
19. FairWork
20. Feminists against ableism
21. Femmes for Freedom
22. Fier
23. Humanistisch Instituut voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking (Hivos) (Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries)
24. Huize Agnes (The Agnes van Leeuwenberch Foundation)
25. HVO Querido
26. Ieder(In), nationale belangenbehartigersorganisatie voor mensen met een beperking of chronische aandoening (Everybody(In), National umbrella organization for people with disabilities or chronic diseases)
27. INLW, International Network of Liberal Women

28. Johannes Wier Stichting (JWS) (Johannes Wier Foundation)
29. Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren (Dutch Network of Women Professors)
30. Mama Cash
31. Molukse Vrouwen Raad (MVR) (Moluccan Women Council)
32. Mondiaal FNV
33. MVVN, Marokkaanse Vrouwen Vereniging Nederland (Moroccan Women Association Netherlands)
34. Nederlands Juristen Comité voor de Mensenrechten (Dutch Section of the International Commission of Jurists)
35. Nederlandse Vereniging voor Vrouwenbelangen, Vrouwenarbeid en Gelijk Staatsburgerschap (Netherlands Association for Women's Rights, Female Labour and Equal Citizenship)
36. Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad (Dutch Women's Council)
37. Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM)
38. New Women Connectors (New Women Connectors)
39. Oudere Vrouwen Netwerk NL (OVN NL) (Older Womens Network NL)
40. PAX for Peace
41. Plan International-Nederland (Plan International – Netherlands)
42. Platform Vrouwen & Duurzame Vrede (Platform Women & Sustainable Peace)
43. Platform Zelfbeschikking en Verblijfsrecht (Platform Self-determination and Residence Rights)
44. Prostitutie Informatie Centrum (PIC) (Prostitution Information Center (PIC))
45. Pure Nature
46. RESPECT Network (Rights Migrant Domestic Workers in the Netherlands and Europe)
47. Rutgers
48. S.P.E.A.K Moslimvrouwen Collectief (S.P.E.A.K (Muslim women collective))
49. Sekswerk Alliantie Destigmatisering (SWAD) (Sex Work Alliance Destigmatization (SWAD))
50. SekswerkExpertise, Dutch Platform for the Advancement of Sex Workers Rights (SekswerkExpertise, Dutch Platform for the Advancement of Sex Workers Rights)
51. SHOP - Stichting Hulp en Opvang Prostitutie en Mensenhandel (Foundation for Help and Shelter Sexwork and Human Trafficking)
52. Simavi
53. Soa Aids Nederland
54. SONPPCAN (Stichting Somali Network for Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect)
55. St. Nisa for Nisa (Nisa for Nisa Foundation)
56. Steungroep Vrouwen Zonder Verblijfsvergunning (SVZV) (Supportgroup Undocumented Women)
57. Stichting Ade Eritrea (Foundation Ade Eritrea)
58. Stichting Asiya (NGO Asiya Foundation )
59. Stichting Bayanihan, Centrum voor Filippijnse Vrouwen in Nederland (Bayanihan Foundation: Philippine Women's Centre in the Netherlands)
60. Stichting Buurvrouwennetwerk Amsterdam (Neighborhood Women's Network Foundation Amsterdam)
61. Stichting Humanitas Rotterdam: Expertisecentrum Seksualiteit, Sekswerk & Mensenhandel (ESSM) (Foundation Humanitas Rotterdam: Expertise center for sexuality, sex work and human trafficking)
62. Stichting Humanitas Rotterdam: Informatie- en dienstencentrum voor en door sekswerkers (Door2Door) (Foundation Humanitas Rotterdam: information and service center for sex workers)

63. Stichting Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt (LOS) (National Support Organisation for Undocumented Migrants )
64. Stichting Landelijke Werkgroep Mudawwanah (Mudawwanah National Working Group Foundation)
65. Stichting NNID, Nederlandse organisatie voor seksediversiteit (NNID Foundation, Netherlands organisation for sex diversity)
66. Stichting Ondersteboven
67. Stichting Seguro. (Seguro Foundation)
68. Stichting Single SuperMom (Foundation Single SuperMom)
69. Stichting Stem op een Vrouw (Vote for a Woman Foundation)
70. Stichting Steunpunt Studerende Moeders (Foundation Support Center for Student Mothers)
71. Stichting Vobis
72. Stichting Vrouwen en arbeidsmarkt (VAM) (VAM foundation (Women and labour market))
73. Tiye International
74. Transgender Netwerk
75. Transnational Migrant Platform Europe (TMP-E)
76. Unie van Soroptimistclubs in het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden en in Suriname (Soroptimist International Union of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and of Suriname)
77. Valente, branchevereniging voor participatie, veilige opvang en begeleiding / landelijk netwerk vrouwenopvang (Valente, association for participation, safe shelter and guidance / national network of women's shelters)
78. Vereniging van Nederlandse Vrouwelijke Artsen (VNVA) (Dutch Medical Women Association)
79. Vereniging voor Vrouw en Recht 'Clara Wichmann' (Dutch Association for Women and Law 'Clara Wichmann')
80. Verpleegkundigen&Verzorgenden Nederland (V&VN) (Dutch association of nurses and carers (V&VN))
81. VluchtelingenWerk Nederland (Dutch Council for Refugees)
82. Vrouwen Tegen Uitzetting (VTU) (Women against Deportation Amsterdam)
83. Vrouwen van NU (Women of Today)
84. Vrouwenrechtswinkel Amsterdam (Women's Legal Advice Center Amsterdam)
85. Werkgroep complexe scheidingen - multidisciplinaire samenwerking (CSMS) (Working group of complex divorces - multidisciplinary collaboration (CSMS))
86. WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform
87. WOMEN Inc.
88. Women on Waves
89. WOUW-Amsterdam, Netwerk van Maatschappijkritische 50+ vrouwen (Network of 50+ women critical of the social structure)
90. YWCA Nederland (YWCA Netherlands)