

Country: Netherlands

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Honorable chair esteemed delegates;

The Netherlands is a country in Western Europe with overseas territories in the Caribbean. Amsterdam is the capital and the most populated city of the Netherlands. The Netherlands has borders with Belgium, Germany and the North Sea. The national flag of the Netherlands was firstly created by William I in 16th century. Its first name was "Prince's Flag" and it was colored red-white-blue. In 17th century orange color evolved to red. Also it has inspired the Russian flag. The currency of the Netherlands is the Euro. Navigation, fisher industry, trading and banking are the most important sources of income. Natural gas discovered in Netherlands and it helped our economy a lot. The Netherlands has 25% of the natural gas reserves of the European Union. We are known for cheeses, Holstein cows, windmills, tulips and bicycles. In the II. World War we were occupied by Nazi Germany. In our country there are International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court and Europol.

Euthanasia is the ending of a patient's life by a doctor at the request of the patient. Patients may request euthanasia because they have suffered unbearably and want to die in dignity.

In 1973, a doctor in the Netherlands helped his patient to die easier because of her pain. This caused an argument all around the country and started people think about euthanasia. It is legalized in our country in 2001 and we are the first country to give this selection to people. It caused great controversy among the country. Doctors can only do it if the patient has the required criterias and the doctor must give information about the patient to necessary places. In 2020, although some political parties strongly oppose it, we accepted euthanasia to children aged below 1 or aged above 12 with their family's and at least 2 doctor's permission.

Some of the countries do not find it ethical and they banned it. Euthanasia is legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and several states of Australia

Interest in euthanasia is increasing day by day in our country. We think we should give this choice to our people. We believe that people can decide what they want.