

Mr Martin Eyjólfsson, Ambassador

**Recommendations made by Iceland to the Russian Federation**  
**16th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Thank you Mr. President.**

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Russian Federation to the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR and thanks Russia for its comprehensive national report.

Iceland recognises that Russian legislation provides for the prohibition of discrimination based on social, racial, sexual, ethnic, linguistic and religious grounds. Nevertheless gender-based discrimination is not explicitly prohibited. ~~prevails as well as lack of effective measures for protecting those subject to discrimination~~

Iceland is furthermore deeply concerned over reports of discrimination and acts of violence against LGBT persons in Russia. What measures is the Russian Federation taking to ensure effective investigation of such acts of violence as against LGBT persons and to hold the perpetrators to account?

First, Iceland **recommends** that Russia amends its existing legislation so as to include an explicit provision on prohibition of discrimination based on gender and a specific provision on a definition of direct and indirect discrimination.

Second, Iceland **recommends** that the Russian federations takes specific measures to ensure effective investigation of such acts of violence as against LGBT persons and to hold perpretrators to account.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**