

**Recommendations made by Iceland to Costa Rica  
19<sup>th</sup> session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Thank you Mr. President,**

Iceland welcomes the honourable delegation of Costa Rica to the UPR.

We appreciate the adoption of the Trafficking in Persons Act and the establishment of a National Coalition against the Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking. Iceland encourages Costa Rica to continue to strengthen efforts to combat trafficking in persons.

We express concern about the inadequate protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and recommend that Costa Rica elaborate clear medical guidelines on access to legal abortion and consider reviewing the law relating to abortion, including to ensure access to legal abortion in cases of pregnancies resulting from rape.

Iceland raises the following questions to Costa Rica: Is the Government considering measures to ensure that child protection programmes – especially those relating to violence, sexual exploitation and child labour – are adequately implemented at the local level, in order to reach the most disadvantaged communities? And is the Government considering measures to eliminate discrimination against LGBT people?

**I thank you.**