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Iceland welcomes the delegation of Oman and acknowledges the progress made on human rights since their 2011 Review.

We welcome the Omani Citizenship Law from 2014 that enables Omani women married to foreigners to pass their citizenship onto their children. However, we are concerned by some provisions in the law that seems to undermine efforts to ensure that all citizens are treated in an equal manner.

Second, my Delegation notes the key findings in the 2015 report of *the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association*. We echo concerns raised in the report regarding some persistent challenges to the exercise of the right to freedom of association in the country.

Iceland recommends to the Government of Oman the following:

1. To end discrimination against women and girls in accordance with CEDAW and allow women to pass their nationality in equal manner to men.
2. To amend article 134 of the Penal Code of Oman and any other legislation that disproportionately restricts the right to freedom of association