Iceland welcomes the delegation of Sudan to the UPR.

Despite progress being made, my Delegation remains deeply concerned by the overall situation of human rights in the country.

First, Iceland is extremely alarmed that rape continues to be used as a weapon of war in Sudan. These crimes must be investigated thoroughly and the perpetrators punished.

Second, my Delegation is deeply concerned by the findings of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, that over 26 laws, discriminate towards women.

Finally, we also regret that no laws explicitly criminalize the practice of female genital mutilation.

Iceland recommends to the Government of Sudan the following:

1. To extend a standing invitation to all special procedures and respond positively to pending requests for visits;
2. To repeal all laws that discriminate against women and girls to ensure conformity with international standards;
3. To criminalize all forms of violence against women and girls, including fgm and marital rape, and to prosecute those responsible; and
4. To fully cooperate with international mechanisms of accountability, including the International Criminal Court (ICC), in order to ensure that those responsible for international crimes committed in Darfur are brought to justice.