**Statement by Hungary on Iceland**

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**Mr. President,**

Hungary warmly welcomes the delegation of Iceland and thanks for the detailed national report and the update.

We welcome that Iceland has acceded to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, however, we recommend to accelerate the process of ratification as the concerned groups require the imminent protection of the Convention.

Further, Hungary compliments the Government for the efforts made to develop the Equal Pay Standard, which would ensure the application of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment in matters of employment and occupation, including the principle of equal pay for equal work and work of equal value. The Equal Pay Standard may serve as a valuable example to other countries seeking to achieve gender equality.

Hungary also commends the multi-faceted work of the Icelandic Human Rights Centre functioning as Iceland’s national human rights institution. Nevertheless, considering that the powers, independence and financing of the institution are not established by statute, Hungary recommends to revise its status with the goal of ensuring full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Finally, Hungary wishes to pose a question to the Government of Iceland if and when Iceland intends to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**