**BANGLADESH**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 73 of 115)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and abolish the death penalty.
2. Revise the Penal Code to recognize marital rape as an offence.
3. Expand the grounds on which abortion is permitted, to include women’s physical and mental health, fetal impairment, rape and incest.
4. Decriminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults.
5. Ban invasive and humiliating medical examinations to prove “hijra" and transgender status.
6. Enact legislation that protects the rights of individuals with diverse gender identities *(and repeal discriminatory laws)*.
7. Prevent non-consensual “corrective” surgeries on intersex children.

I wish Bangladesh all success for its review.

I thank you.