**COLOMBIA**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 22 of 86)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Colombia and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Eliminate the exception for marriage below the age of 18 and prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage.
2. Intensify efforts to address and prevent femicide.
3. Ensure the enforceability of abortion rights recognised by the Constitutional Court, including measures to eliminate discrimination in access to abortion services.
4. Update medical classifications in alignment with ICD-11 to eliminate forced or mandatory psychiatric evaluations for trans and gender-diverse persons.
5. Guarantee gender-affirming care and the human rights of trans and non-binary persons, including the right to health.
6. Ban so-called “conversion therapies”.

I wish Colombia all success for its review.

I thank you.