**TURKMENISTAN**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. End arbitrary and discriminatory restrictions on the rights of women, including restrictions on self-presentation and social behavior.
2. Ban forced “virginity tests” of women and girls and guarantee their access to affordable modern contraceptives and emergency contraception.
3. Legalize abortion and ensure access to safe abortion and post-abortion care.
4. Decriminalize same-sex conduct of consenting adults and introduce anti-discrimination laws.
5. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence based on SOGI by law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and judges.

I wish Turkmenistan all success for its review.

I thank you.