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**Statement by Iceland (80 of 86)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
2. Enforce the prohibition of child marriage.
3. Introduce mandatory age-appropriate and inclusive education on sexual and reproductive health and rights in school curricula.
4. Ensure the availability and accessibility of quality sexual and reproductive health services for all.
5. Include marital rape as a specific crime in the Criminal Code.
6. Repeal Article 120.
7. Release all LGBTQIplus persons serving sentences under Article 120 and remove their conviction records from state registers.
8. Cease immediately the practice of forced an intrusive physical examinations of LGBTQIplus persons.
9. Repeal laws and policies on forced testing for HIV and remove policies and/or internal instructions requiring health-care providers to report LGBTQIplus persons who test positive for HIV to law enforcement.

I wish Uzbekistan all success for its review.

I thank you.