**Chad**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 86 of 98)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Chad and its national report.

In a constructive spirit, Iceland recommends the following:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Implement the provisions of the new Criminal Code, punishing gender-based violence against women and girls.
3. Expand the scope of the new Criminal Code, criminalizing not only violence against women, but also marital rape, sexual harassment, and incest.
4. Develop and implement policies to combat gender-based violence and provide survivors with adequate support and care.
5. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to integrate adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and quality rights in all health facilities by 2025.
6. Decriminalize same sex-conduct of consenting adults by repealing article 354 of the Criminal Code and refrain from adopting regressive and discriminatory laws that contradict international standards.

I wish Chad all success for its review.

I thank you.