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**Statement by Iceland (no 44 of 95)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Congo and its national report.

In a constructive spirit, Iceland recommends the following:

1. Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Repeal all legal provisions, including in the Family Code, that discriminate against women.
3. Adopt and implement comprehensive measures to combat gender stereotypes.
4. Eradicate FGM and eliminate child marriage and forced teenage pregnancies.
5. Implement the ICPD25 commitment of ensuring universal availability of high-quality, affordable, and safe modern contraceptives.
6. Ensure access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence.
7. Abolish articles 330 and 331 of the Criminal Code, as they are conducive to discrimination against persons of diverse SOGIESC.
8. Respect and ensure the implementation of laws adopted to combat HIV/AIDS and protect persons living with HIV.

I wish the Congo all success for its review.

I thank you.