**Mauritius**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 80 of 123)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mauritius 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. Implement fully the National Strategy and Action Plan on the Elimination of GBV.
3. Enact the Gender Equality Bill without delay and improve communication and transparency on the implementation of the National Gender Policy.
4. Centralize all support services, (*including legal, medical, psychological and accommodation*) for survivors of GBV.
5. Adopt the legislative and policy measures necessary to combat discrimination and violence against persons of diverse SOGIESC.
6. Investigate all complaints on violence and hate speech against persons of diverse SOGIESC and bring perpetrators to account.

I wish Mauritius all success for its review.

I thank you.