**Nigeria**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 78 of 134)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nigeria and its national report.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Conduct public awareness campaigns to eliminate gender biases and stereotypes.
3. Decriminalize abortion.
4. Decriminalize and legalize same-sex conduct of consenting adults and abolish the Same-Sex Marriage (Prohibition) Act.
5. Ban conversion therapies.
6. Ban medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex children.

I wish Nigeria all success for its review.

I thank you.