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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Afghanistan and its national report.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Iceland recommends the following:

1. Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Ensure equal, inclusive and equitable access to education without discrimination and in line with international standards.
3. Guarantee women’s right to work across all sectors, respecting their autonomy and right to economic independence.
4. End all harmful practices against women and girls, including honour killings, public flogging and stoning, and child, early and forced marriage.
5. Reverse all decrees and edicts that violate the human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls.
6. End institutionalized and systematic oppression and discrimination against women and girls.

I wish Afghanistan all success for its review.

I thank you.