**the comoros**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 88 of 95)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Comoros 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 and abolish the death penalty.
2. Implement promptly the Act on Violence against Women and Children and the national strategy to combat violence against women and minors.
3. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to ensure that young people have access to age-appropriate services, information and education to prevent unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.
4. Ban child, early and forced marriage and enforce the law on the minimum marriage age of 18 years.
5. Amend the Criminal Code to define marital rape as a stand-alone criminal offence.
6. Decriminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults and repeal all laws that target and criminalize persons of diverse SOGIESC.

I wish the Comoros all success for its review.

I thank you.