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**Statement by Iceland (no 70 of 91)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic and its national report.

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

1. Adopt a comprehensive law on gender-based violence and ensure that **all** victims of GBV have adequate access to medical, psychological, and legal assistance.
2. Decriminalize and legalize abortion and ensure access to safe abortion and post-abortion services.
3. Eradicate child, early and forced marriage.
4. Investigate thoroughly all cases of GBV, bring perpetrators to justice and ensure redress for victims.
5. Establish protocols to ensure effective access to healthcare for persons of diverse SOGIESC, including trans.
6. Develop and implement a Gender Identity Law that recognizes marriage equality and de facto unions of same sex couples.
7. Criminalize demeaning and discriminatory acts against persons of diverse SOGIESC.

I wish Dominican Republic all success for its review.

I thank you.