**New Zealand**

**Monday 29 april 2024, 09:00 – 12:30**

**Speaking time: 75 seconds**

**Statement by Iceland (no 53 of 96)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of New Zealand and its national report.

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

1. Adopt comprehensive legislation criminalizing all forms of gender-based violence.
2. Investigate thoroughly all gender-based violence cases and bring perpetrators to justice.
3. Eliminate any exception to the minimum age for marriage of 18.
4. Ensure comprehensive sexuality education in school curricula and out-of-school settings.
5. Guarantee the enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and rights and access to SRHR information and services, including for Māori.
6. Respect intersex children’s right to self-determination and ban medically unnecessary surgeries.
7. Amend the Human Rights Act to include gender identity, expression, and sex characteristics as prohibited grounds of discrimination.

I wish New Zealand all success for its review.

I thank you.