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**Statement by Iceland (no 38 of 92)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Slovakia and its national report.

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

1. Ratify the Istanbul Convention.
2. Revise the Anti-Discrimination Act to eliminate any form of discrimination against women in all areas covered by article 2 of CEDAW.
3. Expedite the enactment of comprehensive legislation on the prevention and elimination of violence against women.
4. Amend the Criminal Code to include domestic violence as a violent crime and raise the punishment for femicide and intimate partner violence.
5. Remove **all** restrictions to access to safe abortion services and adopt a comprehensive program on sexual and reproductive health and rights.
6. Prevent and criminalize forced or involuntary sterilization of women.
7. Guarantee equal rights for same-sex partnerships through legislative measures.
8. Refrain from any legislative attempts to limit legal gender recognition.

I wish Slovakia all success for its review.

I thank you.