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**Statement by Iceland (no 44 of 73)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu and its national report.

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

1. Ensure that all provisions on women’s rights conform to CEDAW.

1. Develop a national policy on eliminating gender-based violence and establish an institutional mechanism for its implementation.
2. Adopt comprehensive measures to combat all forms of violence against women and ensure that traditional justice mechanisms are compliant with international law.
3. Decriminalize abortion.
4. Scale up integration and implementation of Family Life Education into junior and primary level curricula and roll out comprehensive sexuality education in out-of-school settings for all young people.
5. Establish national policies to protect people of diverse SOGIESC from discrimination and repeal all discriminatory legislation that infringes upon their human rights.
6. Guarantee equal access to health care, education, and safety and justice services to persons of diverse SOGIESC.

I wish Vanuatu all success for its review.

I thank you.