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**Statement by Iceland (no 130 of 137)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam and its national report.

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

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Criminalize marital rape and sexual abuse.
3. Allocate adequate financial resources to achieve universal health care for SRHR services.
4. Investigate thoroughly all forms of GBV, bring perpetrators to justice, and ensure redress for victims and survivors.
5. Expand the definition of “gender equality”, “gender-based violence” and “gender-based discrimination” in the Law on Gender Equality to include persons of diverse SOGIESC.
6. Respect intersex children’s right to self-determination and ban medically unnecessary surgeries.

I wish Viet Nam all success for its review.

I thank you.