**Yemen**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 52 of 97)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Yemen and its national report.

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

1. Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
3. Repeal **all** provisions in the Personal Status Law that discriminate against women and girls, including in marriage, divorce and custody.
4. Abolish the male guardianship system.
5. Criminalize marital rape.
6. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to expand access of women to reproductive health services, including in hard-to-reach areas, by allocating at least 30 per cent of the health budget for reproductive health programs.
7. Decriminalize same-sex relations by repealing articles 264, 268 and 270 of the Yemeni Penal Code and repeal all laws that criminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults.

I wish Yemen all success for its review.

I thank you.