**Norway**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 42 of 102)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Norway and its national report.

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

1. Intensify efforts towards the prevention of gender-based violence against women.
2. Amend the definition of rape in Article 291 of the Norwegian Penal Code to ensure the inclusion of absence of free consent as a basis for establishing the crime, aligning it with international standards.
3. Integrate a gender-sensitive approach to violence against women into the design, development and evaluation of laws, policies and measures to prevent and combat all forms of violence covered by the Istanbul Convention.
4. Ensure that legal gender recognition, the legal framework, and legal procedures include a non-binary or third gender option.

I wish Norway all success for its review.

I thank you.