**Gambia**

**Tuesday 21 January 2024, 09:00 – 12:30**

**Speaking time: 60 seconds**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Gambia and its national report.

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

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Enforce the Women’s (Amendment) Act and eradicate FGM.
3. Criminalize marital rape by amending Section 3 (3) of the Sexual Offences Act.
4. Protect and promote SRHR and ensure access to sexual and reproductive health services for all.
5. Decriminalize abortion in all circumstances.
6. Amend the Criminal Code to decriminalize and legalize same-sex relations between consenting adults.
7. Develop, enact, and enforce comprehensive legislation that criminalizes all forms of discrimination against persons of diverse SOGIESC.

I wish the Gambia all success for its review.

I thank you.