Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Benin and thanks for the valuable the information provided here today.

While welcoming the progress that has been made in the protection and promotion of human rights since Benin’s second UPR review there is still room for improvements.

Iceland makes the following four recommendations to the Government of Benin:

1. To expedite the adoption of the draft law on trafficking in persons, in line with international law;
2. To ensure that cases of violence against women are investigated, perpetrators prosecuted and victims awarded reparation;
3. To adopt a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health policy for adolescents;
4. To design policies and programmes to address ill-treatment and abuse of children and institute mandatory reporting procedures regarding child abuse.

We wish Benin all success for its UPR review.

I thank you.