Thank you Mr. President,

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

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

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

1. To implement effective and co-ordinated measures to prevent violence against women, especially against young women and girls.
2. To strengthen efforts to carry out prompt, impartial and effective investigations into all forms violence against women and to bring those responsible to justice.
3. To adopt effective measures to address the high levels of pregnancies among girls and adolescents, and ensure their effective access to sexual and reproductive health care and services and education programs.
4. To establish an official moratorium on execution and abolish the death penalty for all crimes.

We wish Guatemala all success for its UPR review.

I thank you.