Thank you Mr. President,

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

While welcoming the progress made in the promotion of human rights including steps towards legally recognizing and protecting transgender people, there is still room for important improvements.

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Pakistan:

1. To abolish the death penalty for all crimes;
2. To abolish harmful customary practices against young girls in line with its commitments in CEDAW;
3. Make 18 years the minimum age of marriage for women and men;
4. To ensure women’s rights over their reproductive health through an enabling policy and improve access to quality services.

We wish Pakistan all success for its UPR review.

I thank you.