**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Australia and it´s work to advance human rights at home and abroad. In particular, we welcome significant progress in protecting the human rights of LGBTI persons.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility nationwide and fund and support community-led prevention and diversion programs that keep children and youth out of prison.
2. End harmful practices, including forced and coercive medical interventions, to ensure the bodily integrity of children with intersex variations.
3. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI+ persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.

I wish Australia all success for its review.

I thank you