**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR37 - Micronesia**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Micronesia and welcomes steps taken to tackle discrimination and applauds the legal revision in 2018 to include sexual orientation as a basis of discrimination.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habiting couples in same-sex unions.
2. Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including in the home.
3. Improve the existing legislative framework by adopting and implementing comprehensive legislation that establishes the State's obligation to effectively protect women and girls against domestic and sexual violence.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to strengthen access to quality integrated sexual and reproductive health services for women, couples, adolescents and youth, using the updated Family Planning guidelines by 2022.

I wish Micronesia all success for its review.

I thank you