**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Georgia and its recent legal amendments of 2019 to further its efforts to tackle discrimination.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen activities and laws aimed at the elimination of discrimination in society, other intolerance and hate speech against minorities and other groups, including based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and supporting free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.
3. Adopt the maternity, paternity and childcare leave and compensation policies that provide guaranteed compensation and promote a division of child-care responsibility between both parents.
4. Develop and implement comprehensive curriculum on sexual and reproductive health and rights, in accordance with the UNESCO guidelines.

I wish Georgia all success for its review.

I thank you