**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR37 - Mauritania**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mauritania and makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex and expand its anti-discrimination legislation, to include a prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Adopt a law criminalizing FGM which takes into consideration a multisectoral approach, the change of social norms, human rights, gender equality and the training of service providers.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to introduce a module on sexual and reproductive health in school curricula for middle and high school and modules on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the curriculum of health and medical schools.

I wish Mauritania all success for its review.

I thank you