**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nauru, the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation. In particular, we welcome its decisions in 2016 to decriminalize same-sex sexual activity and the abolishment of the death penalty.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that addresses direct and indirect discrimination and encompasses all the prohibited grounds of discrimination, including sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habiting couples in same-sex unions.
3. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and align domestic law to the treaties.
4. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and upholding free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.

I wish Nauru all success for its review.

I thank you.