**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nepal and its decision to join last year the UN LGBTI Core Group in New York, together with Iceland.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. 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.
2. Adopt marriage equality legislation, extending full marriage rights to same-sex couples.
3. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to ensure that marginalized groups are able to exercise their reproductive rights through universal access to quality family planning services, the upscaling of adolescent friendly health services and the full integration of comprehensive sexuality education, consistent with the evolving capacities and needs of youth.

I wish Nepal all success for its review.

I thank you