**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Oman, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation.

Iceland 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. 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.
4. Review current legislation and reform as necessary all discriminatory provisions, including regarding rights in marriage, divorce and inheritance, and the right of women to confer nationality onto their children and spouses.

I wish Oman all success for its review.

I thank you