**Statement by Iceland**

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Madam/Mr. President,

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

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 comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that addresses direct and indirect discrimination and encompasses all the prohibited grounds of discrimination, including sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Enhance its efforts to firmly combat all forms of gender-based violence against women, including domestic and sexual violence.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to further improve family planning access, service delivery and uptake by increasing the number of health facilities, skilled healthcare providers and by expanding the available contraceptive method mix, including emergency contraceptives.

I wish Rwanda all success for its review.

I thank you