**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR37 – Saint Kitts and Nevis**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, 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. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and align domestic law to the treaties.
3. 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.
4. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.
5. Fully integrate comprehensive sexuality education in the Health and Family Life Education (HFLE) curriculum and develop social programmes for out-of-school adolescents and youth.

I wish Saint Kitts and Nevis all success for its review.

I thank you