**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 - Mozambique**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mozambique and welcomes the commitment to achieving gender equality.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Extend the national strategy on preventing and combating child marriages and early pregnancy and ban harmful traditional practices.

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. Strengthen civic space by investigating all reported cases of violence or intimidation, including reported attacks on human rights defenders and the press.

4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to distribute quality and safe long term modern contraceptive methods, information and education in 100% of secondary schools by 2030.

I wish Mozambique all success for its review.

I thank you.