**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 - Namibia**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Namibia and the number of human rights related policies and laws passed, as well as institutions established, since Namibia’s last review.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Raise awareness about violence against women and children and address the obstacles faced by victims in seeking remedies and protection.

2. Strengthen efforts to eliminate harmful traditional practices and take comprehensive measures to eliminate stereotypical conceptions of gender roles.

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. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to strengthen institutional capacity to deliver quality comprehensive sexuality education.

I thank you.