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**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 - Seychelles**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Seychelles, welcomes that it repealed legal provisions that criminalised consensual same-sex sexual activity and encourages further consideration of the rights of LGBTI+ individuals.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. 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.
2. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habiting couples in same-sex unions.
3. Update and adopt a new strategy on gender-based violence that provides specialized training, support to victims and survivors and ensures that perpetrators are prosecuted and adequately punished.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to ensure zero unmet need for family planning information and services, and universal availability of quality, affordable and safe modern contraceptives.

I wish Seychelles all success for its review.

I thank you