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**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 – Sierra Leone**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Sierra Leone, welcomes the national report, 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. Expedite the enactment of the Gender Equality Bill and fully implement the Amended Sexual Offences Act of 2019, including through providing adequate resources to its implementation.
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 integrate comprehensive sexuality education and related policies in the revised National Education.

I wish Sierra Leone all success for its review.

I thank you