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**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 – Solomon Islands**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Solomon Islands and is encouraged by action such as SAFENET programme by government and non-government partners to provide services to those affected by gender based violence.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. ensure that women have equal rights to acquire and transmit nationality in law and in practice and amend the Citizenship Act to ensure that women and men are treated equally.
2. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to ensure access to appropriate information, education and adolescent-friendly comprehensive quality and timely sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and youth, in order for them to be able to make informed choices about their sexuality and reproductive matters and protect them from unintended pregnancies, gender-based violence & STIs.
3. Expand SAFENET to the five remaining provinces of Solomon Islands to allow all survivors of gender-based violence to access appropriate support services.
4. 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.

I wish Solomon Islands all success for its review.

I thank you