**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR38 - Somalia**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Somalia, welcomes the national report and 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. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to ratify CEDAW in order to fulfil, protect and respect women's human rights.
3. Ensure and accelerate the submission to Parliament of the original Sexual Offences Bill, in line with human rights standards.
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 Somalia all success for its review.

I thank you