**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Antigua and Barbuda**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, welcomes steps taken to address gender-based violence and encourages further consideration of the rights of women and LGBTI+ persons.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and take all necessary measures to abolish the death penalty.
2. Revise the Health and Family Life Education curriculum in line with the UN technical guidelines, and train teachers to ensure effective provision of the curriculum.
3. Form a legislative committee to revise the abortion law to allow termination of pregnancy.
4. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and effectively investigate all acts of violence against LGBTI+ persons.

I wish Antigua and Barbuda all success for its review.

I thank you.