**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Ireland**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Ireland, welcomes the expanded access to abortion services, and encourages Ireland to take additional legislative steps to improve women and girls’ access to abortion services.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement the commitment made on ICPD25 to remove barriers to access to reproductive health services, enhance CSE provision and increase financial commitments to sexual and reproductive health and rights.
2. Criminalize domestic violence and introduce a specific definition of domestic violence and other emerging forms of GBV.
3. Expand access to abortion and repeal the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act.
4. Develop a rights-based healthcare protocol for intersex children, ensure that children and their parents are well informed of all options and that children are involved in decision-making.

I wish Ireland all success for its review.

I thank you.