**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Papua New Guinea**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Papua New Guinea and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW, review customary laws, and repeal all provisions that are harmful and discriminatory against women and girls.
3. Decriminalize abortion and ensure universal and safe access to abortion and other sexual and reproductive health and rights.
4. Repeal sections 210 and 212 of the Criminal Code in order to decriminalise sexual relations between men.
5. Amend the preamble and article 55 of the Constitution to include sexual orientation, gender identity and expression as grounds of non-discrimination.

I wish Papua New Guinea all success for its review.

I thank you.