**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein.

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. Increase availability of shelters for victims of sexual and gender-based violence, and train law enforcement to attribute to a victim-centred approach to SGBV casework.
3. Revise the existing Family Life Education curriculum to align with the UN International Technical Guidelines on Sexuality Education.
4. Decriminalize consensual sexual relationships between adults of the same sex and expand anti-discrimination legislation, to include a prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

I wish Saint Vincent and the Grenadines all success for its review.

I thank you.