**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Samoa**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Samoa and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty by ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW without delay and develop protocols to address violence against women.
3. Revise the existing Family Life Education curriculum to align with the UN International Technical Guidelines on Sexuality Education.
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.
5. Enact legislation and implement policies that prioritise health needs of trans persons, including for HIV and STIs prevention and treatment and gender-affirmative care, and SOGI-awareness raising for service providers to ensure confidentiality, empathy, and respect in healthcare settings.

I wish Samoa all success for its review.

I thank you.