**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Suriname**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Suriname, its national report, and the steps outlined therein.

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.
3. Decriminalise abortion by revising Article 309 of the Penal Code to respect, protect and fulfill women and girls' human rights to health.
4. Make Article 80 of the Civil Code gender neutral to guarantee the full enjoyment of the right to family life by LGBTI+ persons.
5. Review and make compatible with applicable law, all policies and measures on gender recording in the deeds of Civil Registry, to allow supplementing the registers of birth following gender and sex re-assignment.

I wish Suriname all success for its review.

I thank you.