**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR39-Trinidad and Tobago**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago, welcomes amendments to the Domestic Violence Act and the establishment of a Gender-based Violence Unit of the Police Service.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR.
2. Decriminalize abortion by amending the Offences against the Persons Act.
3. Revise the Health and Family Life Education curriculum and integrate comprehensive sexuality education in line with international standards.
4. Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex by removing section 13 and 16 of the Sexual Offences Act.
5. Establish a well resourced national human rights mechanism in line with the Paris Principles, to address discrimination and violence against LGBTI+ persons.

I wish Trinidad and Tobago all success for its review.

I thank you.