**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR40- South Sudan**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of South Sudan and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty, and ratify the ICCPR and its Second Optional Protocol.
2. Implement CEDAW and all legal provisions relating to gender equality and sexual and gender-based violence.
3. Establish an interim reparations programme to address the immediate needs of victims of conflict-related sexual violence.
4. Provide age-appropriate sexuality education in all schools by 2025, in line with ICPD25 commitment.
5. Decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex by repealing Article 248 of the [Penal Code](https://www.wipo.int/edocs/lexdocs/laws/en/ss/ss014en.pdf).

I wish South Sudan all success for its review.

I thank you.