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Mr President,

New Zealand welcomes Iceland’s participation in the UPR process, and the opportunity for dialogue on human rights issues.

New Zealand **commends** Iceland’s progress in the areas of gender equality, and equal rights and non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

New Zealand also **commends** Iceland for establishing a helpline for human trafficking notifications. New Zealand **recommends** that Iceland take further steps to address human trafficking by formulating a comprehensive action plan and by providing additional funding to combat human trafficking.

Finally, New Zealand **recommends** that Iceland take further steps to address employment issues for migrants by implementing its action plan on migration.

Thank you, Mr President.