**GABON**

**TUESDAY 24 January 2023, 9:00 – 12:30**

**Speaking time: 70 seconds**

**Statement by Iceland (no 68)**

words:100

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Gabon and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to roll out Comprehensive Sexuality Education through revision of training curricula, training of coaches and capacity-building of social workers in schools.
2. Eliminate patriarchal attitudes and deep-rooted stereotypes which contribute to GBV and harmful practices against women (through sustained and systematic action).
3. Provide effective protection to all women, irrespective of their sexual orientation, gender identity, expression, and sex characteristics, from gender-based violence and discrimination and ensure their access to justice.
4. Legalize same-sex marriage between consenting adults.

I wish Gabon all success for its review.

I thank you.