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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Benin and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Integrate comprehensive sexuality education into school curricula and ensure its effective implementation.
2. Implement Act no. 2021-12 that authorizes abortion up to the twelfth week of pregnancy in cases where pregnancies are likely to cause or aggravate material, educational, professional or mental harm that is incompatible with the best interest of the woman and/or the unborn child.
3. Allow LGBTQIplus associations to register freely.
4. Guarantee the right of transgender persons to health and bodily autonomy by improving access to healthcare, including sexual and reproductive health services and gender affirming medical services.

I wish Benin all success for its review.

I thank you.