**PAKISTAN**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Pakistan and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Withdraw all reservations to CEDAW and ratify its Optional Protocol.
3. Criminalize all forms of GBV against women and girls, including domestic violence and marital rape and guarantee timely and gender-sensitive investigation and trial.
4. Amend abortion law section 338 to provide safe abortion services without written consent from spouse.
5. Repeal all punitive and discriminatory laws that criminalize any aspects of same-sex relations between consenting adults.
6. Ensure all persons can obtain or amend identity documents as per their self-perceived gender identity free from medical or diagnostic requirements.
7. Ensure equal and non-discriminate access to gender affirming healthcare for all persons, regardless of SOGIESC.

I wish Pakistan all success for its review.

I thank you.