**Zambia**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Zambia and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
2. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to eradicate harmful practices, including sexual cleansing and aspects of rites of passage.
3. Expedite the CSE review and ensure it incorporates sexual and reproductive health education and life skills in the curricula.
4. Criminalize marital rape.
5. Ensure access to justice and address medical and psychological needs of SGBV survivors (in line with the Anti Gender-Based Violence Act of 2009).
6. De-criminalize and legalize same-sex relations of consenting adults.
7. Allow transpersons to change their legal name and gender identity through self-identification.

I wish Zambia all success for its review.

I thank you.