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**Speaking time: 2 minutes**

**Statement by Iceland (no 49 of 61)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Tonga and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Ratify CEDAW and its Optional Protocol.
3. Decriminalise abortion.
4. Ban unnecessary surgeries of intersex children and respect their right to self-determination.
5. Ban conversion therapies.
6. Amend the Criminal Offences Act to decriminalise consensual same-sex relations.
7. Amend legislation that discriminates against LGBTQI+ persons, including those related to ‘cross dressing’ and access to health care.
8. Legalise same-sex marriage.

I wish Tonga all success for its review.

I thank you.