**MALI**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 89 of 107)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mali and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Provide comprehensive sexuality education.
3. Raise the minimum legal age of marriage to 18 years for boys and girls.
4. Implement the ICPD25 commitment to adopt the draft law on GBV and implement related policies on GBV and harmful practices, including FGM, early and forced marriage, and polygamy.
5. Facilitate access to justice and protection services for **all**, including women and LGBTQI+ persons.
6. Enact a non-discrimination law, which specifically includes discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity as a punishable offence.

I wish Mali all success for its review.

I thank you.