**BOTSWANA**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 41 of 109)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Botswana and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty.
2. Ensure comprehensive sexuality education.
3. Strengthen women’s and girls’ access to multi-sectoral GBV services and justice, including by expanding one-stop service shelters for survivors of GBV.
4. Decriminalise abortion and ensure safe abortion up to 28 weeks throughout the country.
5. Repeal Section 167 of the Penal Code.
6. Introduce a transparent administrative self-identification process for legal gender recognition free from intrusive requirements.

I wish Botswana all success for its review.

I thank you.