**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 50 of 121)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates 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. Ensure access to sexual and reproductive health services for all women and girls.
4. Provide age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education in schools.
5. Decriminalise abortion and legalise it in cases of rape, incest, fetal impairment or threat to the health of the mother.
6. Ensure perpetrators of “honour killings” receive penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime.
7. Criminalise marital rape.
8. Incorporate the principle of equality of women and men into legislation and repeal all legal provisions that discriminate against women, including those contained in the Personal Status Law.
9. Decriminalise same-sex relations of consenting adults and legalise same-sex marriage.

I wish the UAE all success for its review.

I thank you.