**ISRAEL**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 87 of 95)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Israel and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Respect and fulfill **all** obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law as an occupying power.
2. Abolish the death penalty.
3. Ratify Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
4. Ensure religious laws governing marriage and divorce are in line with CEDAW.
5. Intensify efforts to combat gender-based violence against women and ensure that such acts are investigated and prosecuted.
6. Guarantee a transparent administrative self-identification process for legal gender recognition free from intrusive requirements.
7. Ensure adequate and timely access to gender affirming treatments.
8. Amend the Penal Law to define hate speech and hate crimes based on SOGIESC as punishable offenses.

I wish Israel all success for its review.

I thank you.