Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland warmly welcomes the delegation of France to the UPR.

We commend France for its continuous work to promote Human Rights in the world, emphasising its commitment to women’s and children’s rights as well as France’s work for LGBT rights both domestically and abroad.

However, there is room for improvements.

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of France:

1. To take further measures to combat all forms of discrimination against women and girls belonging to racial, ethnic, national and religious minorities, including those living in sensitive urban areas;
2. To ensure that the new anti-terrorism laws are applied in a proportionate manner and in a way that prioritises fundamental human rights such as the right to liberty and the right to a fair trial.

I thank you.