Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the government of Mali to the UPR review.

Iceland acknowledges the difficult circumstances that Mali finds itself in at the present and the continuing efforts by the Malian government in the fight against terrorism. “However, my delegation is deeply concerned about numerous and continued allegations of human rights abuses committed and underline the responsibility of the Government to combat impunity, address these allegations and provide access to justice for all. “

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Mali:

1. Immediately demobilize all children being used by government-supported militias;
2. Undertake, without delay, the reform necessary to eliminate all discriminatory provisions and practices against women and girls contained in the Persons and Family Code;
3. Adopt legislation to prohibit all forms of female genital mutilation and cutting;
4. Raise the minimum age of marriage for girls to 18 years of age, without exception, in line with the Maputo Protocol.

I thank you.