Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Tonga to the UPR.

While welcoming the positive steps that have been made since Tonga’s second UPR we note that, despite the recommendations accepted by Tonga to ratify core international human rights treaties, no concrete progress has been made thus far.

Iceland recommends Tonga to:

1. Amend the Land Act currently in effect, particularly its provision preventing women from inheriting land.
2. Ratify the following international Human Rights treaties:
   1. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
   2. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
   3. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,
   4. The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and
   5. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

I wish Tonga all success for its UPR.

I thank you.