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Iceland welcomes the delegation of Turkmenistan to the UPR.

While welcoming the constitutional provision recognizing equal rights and opportunities for men and women my delegation is concerned about the continued under-representation of women in the public and private sectors.

Further my delegation is concerned about the criminalization of sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex,

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Turkmenistan:

1. To promote and advance gender equality to counter stereotypes on the roles and responsibilities of women in the family and society at large through public awareness, education and training programmes.
2. To revise provisions in the Labour Code that justify restrictions on women’s employment opportunities based on gender stereotypes.
3. To decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex
4. To ensure that no form of discrimination or violence against persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity is tolerated and that all such cases are properly investigated and sanctioned.

I wish Turkmenistan all success for its review

I thank you