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Iceland welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan to the UPR.

While welcoming the adoption of an action plan to combat trafficking in persons my delegation is concerned over the lack of investigations, prosecutions and convictions relating to trafficking in women and girls.

Further my delegation is concerned that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court has not yet been ratified.

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Uzbekistan:

1. To develop measures for protection, assistance and recovery for children living and working in street situations and prevent them from becoming victims of trafficking and economic and sexual exploitation
2. To promote the entry of women into the formal economy and apply legislation guaranteeing equal pay for work of equal value.
3. To specifically define and prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace
4. To combat any form of discrimination or violence against persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and repeal article 120 of the Criminal Code, which criminalized consensual sexual activities between adult males
5. To ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

I wish Uzbekistan all success for its review

I thank you