**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-Nigeria**

Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nigeria.

Iceland appreciates the difficulties Nigeria is faced with on account of Boko Haram.

While we call on authorities to do their utmost to safeguard the lives of ordinary civilians, we remind them of their obligations under international law.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. To adopt concrete measures to eliminate gender discrimination and violence against women.
2. To repeal legislation that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. To release all individuals held in detention because of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. To establish a moratorium on executions; commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment; and to abolish the death penalty for all crimes.

I wish Nigeria all success for its review.

I thank you