**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-Mexico**

Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mexico.

We welcome the efforts of Mexico in the advancement of human rights. We are pleased with our cooperation on the advancement of gender equality, protection of the rights of LGBTI persons, as well as persons with disabilities and welcome developments articulated in the national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure harmonization of the penal codes of all Mexican states so that women, regardless of their place of residence, can access legal, safe, and voluntary termination of pregnancy; and guarantee the provision of the respective medical services.
2. Undertake an awareness raising campaign in all Mexican states to promote a culture of respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons.
3. Improve records and other data on violence faced by LGBTI persons.
4. Recognize the important work of women human rights defenders, LGBTI defenders, environmental defenders and others; ensure their effective protection against threats and violence they face because of their work or who they are.

I wish Mexico all success for its UPR.

 I thank you