**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-Belize**

Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Belize.

Iceland commends Belize for developing a climate change adaptation strategy and putting mechanisms in place for the effective management of risks associated with climate change.

Iceland also welcomes the ruling of the Supreme Court in 2016 that section 53 of the Criminal Code could not be used to criminalize sexual activity between consenting adults. However, Iceland is concerned that Belize has not taken action to review the Constitution or to pass specific legislation to address discrimination against different groups.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Guarantee the right of everyone to equal protection under the law, in conformity with Belize´s international commitments.
2. Update the Health Family Life Education curriculum to comply with the International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education, and develop a legal framework to ensure its execution.
3. Ensure that an effective HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy includes the principles of human rights and non-discrimination on the basis of gender, age, sexual orientation and gender identity.
4. Abolish the death penalty for all crimes and accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Iceland wishes Belize all success for its review.

I thank you