**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-Chad**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Chad.

We are pleased to note that, during the previous four years, real progress has been made in the field of human rights, including through the adoption of the law reforming the National Human Rights Commission, the Criminal Code, the law prohibiting child marriage, and the law prohibiting and prosecuting the recruitment and use of children in armed conflicts.

However, my delegation is concerned about reports that the death penalty continues to be imposed despite a moratorium.

Iceland is also concerned that 38 percent of women have undergone female genital mutilation, with the rate as high as 96 per cent in some regions.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Abolish the death penalty as part of the revision of the Criminal Code.
2. Organize awareness-raising campaigns for men and women on the adverse effects of violence against women.
3. Continue its commitment against all forms of violence against women, particularly sexual violence, female genital mutilations and forced marriage.
4. Repeal all laws that criminalize persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

I wish Chad all success for its review,

I thank you.