**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR32- Chile**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Chile.

We applaud the significant progress made by Chile on the rights of LGBTI persons and towards gender equality. We welcome the law from 2017 which decriminalized abortion in certain cases.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Eliminate existing barriers that deny women access to safe and legal voluntary termination of pregnancy and introduce stricter justification requirements to prevent the blanket use by medical institutions and practitioners of conscientious objection.
2. Adopt a comprehensive legal definition of all forms of discrimination against women and establish the principle of equality in legislation.
3. Review and revise laws, policies and regulations to address violence against women, also in digital contexts, in compliance with international human rights obligations.
4. Guarantee, and promote, the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly, and to protect journalists and human rights defenders, also in the online environment.

I wish Chile all success for its review.

I thank you