**Statement by Iceland**

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Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam.

Iceland welcomes the efforts made by Viet Nam to improve gender equality as well as ensuring the rights of LGBTI persons.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Prohibit all forms of violence against women and strengthen women’s access to justice.
2. Enact legislation to ensure access to gender affirmation treatment and legal gender recognition.
3. Adopt marriage equality legislation, extending full marriage rights to same-sex couples.
4. Address the root causes of son preference and the misuse of medical technologies for sex selection without curtailing women’s access to safe abortion services.
5. Release human rights defenders sentenced to prison for exercising their right to freedom of expression.
6. Impose a moratorium on executions and abolish the death penalty.

I wish Viet Nam all success for its review.

I thank you