**Statement by Iceland**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Vanuatu

Iceland recognizes that Vanuatu is one of the world’s most at-risk nations to natural disasters and welcomes the adoption of the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy. Iceland also commends the efforts made by Vanuatu to eliminate discrimination against women and promote gender equality.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Amend its Constitution and other relevant legislation to fully incorporate the principle of equality between women and men and prohibit both direct and indirect discrimination in both the public and private spheres.
2. Revise legislation to raise the minimum age for marriage in compliance with international human rights standards.
3. Revise legislation so that women can access legal, safe, and voluntary termination of pregnancy; and guarantee the provision of the respective medical services.
4. Ensure that women, including those living on the outer islands, are included and actively participate in national planning, decision-making and implementation processes, in particular concerning disaster risk reduction, post-disaster management and climate change policies.
5. Take further efforts to protect and integrate LGBTI persons into society.

I wish Vanuatu all success for its review.

I thank you