**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR32 - Eritrea**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Eritrea.

Iceland welcomes the peace agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia and hope it will positively impact the human rights situation in Eritrea.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure separation of powers between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary.
2. Ensure that women have equal representation in the Government, particularly at high levels of decision-making, in legislative assemblies, in the judiciary and in the civil service.
3. Revise the penal code so that women can access legal, safe, and voluntary termination of pregnancy; and guarantee the provision of the respective medical services.
4. Release without further delay all journalists detained arbitrarily, allow independent media to resume operating and let foreign media visit the country.
5. Repeal provisions that criminalize homosexuality.
6. Impose a moratorium on executions and abolish the death penalty.

I wish Eritrea all success for its review.

I thank you