**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR32 - Dominican Republic**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Dominican Republic.

Iceland welcomes the significant efforts made by the Dominican Republic to strengthen its capacity to prosecute incidents of sexual exploitation of children and notes the unique work carried out by the Centre for the Promotion of Adolescents’ Sexual and Reproductive Health with the support of the Ministry of Women.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Promote and protect the human rights of LGBTI persons and to combat structural discrimination.
2. Develop long-term strategies to overcome stereotyped views on the role and position of women.
3. Urgently approve the bill entitled “Comprehensive System against Violence against Women” and assign the necessary funding for its implementation.
4. Abolish criminal sanctions on women and girls who undergo abortion and revise legislation so that they can access legal, safe, and voluntary termination of pregnancy.
5. Implement the Strategy for Comprehensive Sexual Education in an effective manner through the training of public and private teachers and designate the necessary funding for its implementation.

I wish the Dominican Republic all success for its review.

I thank you