**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR33 – Brunei**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam.

We deplore the news that Brunei has finalized the implementation of sections of the Shariah Penal Code which allows for cruel and archaic punishments such as public flogging, amputation or death by stoning. The new Penal Code marks a serious setback for human rights in Brunei. Moreover, we remain concerned about reports of *inter alia* censorship, interference with the rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of association, and restrictions on political participation.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Repeal the newly-implemented sections of the Penal Code and bring the Penal Code in line with international human rights laws and standards.
2. Take measures to ensure that all women have access to legal abortion and high-quality post-abortion services.
3. De-criminalize consensual same-sex acts and adultery.
4. Adopt a formal moratorium on the death penalty and commute all existing death sentences to terms of imprisonment.

I wish Brunei all success for its review.

I thank you