**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR33 - Dominica**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Dominica.

We recognize the devastating effects of natural disasters and the significant strides in social inclusion and gender equality made prior to Hurricane Maria. We welcome steps taken by Dominica to prosecute officials who committed abuses but deeply regret intolerance regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Urgently adopt the Domestic Violence Act.
2. De-criminalize same-sex acts.
3. Take all measures to protect LGBTI individuals, investigate all acts of violence motivated by the sexual orientation or gender identity of the victim, and bring the perpetrators to justice.
4. Amend anti-discrimination laws to include discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics.
5. Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings and take all measures to enforce it in practice.
6. Abolish the death penalty.

I wish Dominica all success for its review.

I thank you