**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR33 - Ethiopia**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia.

We welcome the positive steps taken by Ethiopia in advancing gender equality and women’s rights, the sharp increase in women’s participation in political and public life, gender parity in the cabinet, and the civil society organizations proclamation of 2019.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Review laws from a gender perspective and adopt a comprehensive law on gender-based violence that would include all forms of violence against women.
2. Adopt a comprehensive and inclusive strategy to eliminate discriminatory gender stereotypes concerning the roles and responsibilities of women and men in the family and in society.
3. Amend the Ethiopian National Road Map for HIV Prevention and other national health policies to include LGBTI individuals as “key populations”.
4. Conduct awareness-raising campaigns to prevent the stigmatization of LGBTI individuals, with particular emphasis on health professionals.
5. Abolish the death penalty.

I wish Ethiopia all success for its review.

I thank you