**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR33 - Qatar**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Qatar.

We welcome steps taken to enhance the protection of migrant and domestic workers’ rights and call on Qatar to take all measures to respect labor rights.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Adopt legislation to protect women from violence and criminalize all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence and violence against women expatriate workers.
2. Amend the Citizenship Law to enable Qatari women to transfer nationality to their children and spouses on an equal basis to men.
3. Adopt legislation on the rights of the child, with specific provisions on the protection of children against violence, provisions relating to the rights of children with disabilities, and raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility.
4. De-criminalize consensual same-sex acts and promote and protect the human rights of LGBTI individuals.
5. Bring counter-terrorism and national security legislation into line with international standards, particularly in relation to the definition of terrorism and the length of custody and pre-trial detention.
6. Abolish the death penalty.

I wish Qatar all success for its review.

I thank you