**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR34 - Angola**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Angola.

We welcome steps taken to tackle discrimination and applaud the revision of the penal code, as well as its new discrimination law, in particular its inclusion of sexual orientation as a basis of discrimination.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Abolish or amend all laws and policies which limit the activities carried out by civil society and human rights defenders and adopt a national law for the promotion and protection of human rights defenders.
3. Develop and implement a national plan to combat and prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;
4. Amend the Penal Code to decriminalize abortion in all cases, enhance access for women to inclusive health-care services by trained personnel and ensure that all women and girls have access to affordable and modern forms of contraception.

I wish Angola all success for its review.

I thank you