**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR34 – Bosnia & Herzegovina**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Bosnia & Herzegovina.

We welcome steps outlined in the national report and look forward to continued steps taken to improve the situation of human rights in the country.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure harmonization of legislation on domestic violence and continue strengthening referral mechanisms in order to provide protection and support to victims of domestic violence.
2. Ensure equal opportunities for women and men in the labour market by adopting family strategies aimed at achieving gender equality and adequate work-life balance for both women and men, narrowing and closing the gender wage gap, as well as ensuring access to necessary social and health-care services for new parents and children.
3. Introduce education on human rights and gender equality, as well as comprehensive sexuality education for children and young persons in the formal and non-formal education system.
4. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habitating couples in same-sex unions.

I wish Bosnia & Herzegovina all success for its review.

I thank you