**Statement by Iceland**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Fiji.

We welcome Fiji´s engagement for the full respect of human right and welcome steps outlined in the report, in particular efforts to advance gender equality.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Revise the current Family Life Education curriculum to comply with the revised UN International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education, guarantee its implementation throughout the national school system and provide ongoing professional development for teachers to ensure they are equipped to teach it.
2. Develop a national LGBTI strategy in collaboration with the LGBTI community to guide its work in eliminating multiple and intersecting forms of violence and discrimination against LGBTI people.
3. Enact a holistic Anti-Discrimination or Equality Legislation to comprehensively address social discrimination faced by the LGBTI community.
4. Develop and implement policies to increase opportunities for women in the formal employment sector in order to address the gender gap in labour force participation.

I wish Fiji all success for its review.

I thank you