**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR34 - Iran**

Mr. President,

Iceland expresses its concern that the rights of women and girls continue to be violated in Iran. We are troubled that the authorities would arrest women protesting against the compulsory use of the hijab. The rights of women human rights defenders must be protected and respected.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement a moratorium on all executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.
2. Identify and remedy all laws that have a discriminatory impact on persons belonging to ethnic or religious minorities, including the Bahá’í community.
3. With a view to fully decriminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults, repeal relevant articles of the penal code, including those that impose the death penalty and flogging for offences related to consensual same-sex conducts between adults.
4. Adopt the Women’s Safety against Domestic Violence draft bill to criminalize domestic violence.
5. Provide information and education for young people on reproductive health in all schools, in line with international standards.

I wish Iran all success for its review.

I thank you