**Statement by Iceland**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Iraq.

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

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Implement a moratorium on all executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.
2. Investigate and end violence against and killings of LBGTI people and develop and implement public awareness campaigns directed at changing harmful attitudes towards LGBTI persons.
3. Adopt the draft law on domestic violence to criminalize all forms of violence against women, including forced intimate relationships.
4. Accelerate the process of revising the penal code, the code of criminal procedure, the personal status act, and other national legislation, in order to harmonize it with international standards, especially CEDAW and CRC, as well as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

I wish Iraq all success for its review.

I thank you