**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR34 - Kazakhstan**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan.

We welcome the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Incorporate comprehensive sexuality education in the school curriculum at all levels of schooling and out of school settings.
2. Criminalize all forms of violence against women, adopt legislation to combat sexual harassment in the workplace and revise the criminal code to ensure that the definition of rape is in line with international standards.
3. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that addresses direct and indirect discrimination and encompasses all the prohibited grounds of discrimination, including sexual orientation and gender identity.
4. Eliminate any form of restriction to women’s choice of profession and strengthen policies to address discriminatory practices limiting women’s economic empowerment.
5. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

I wish Kazakhstan all success for its review.

I thank you