**Statement by Iceland**

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Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Madagascar.

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. Amend legislation which unduly restricts freedom of expression in line with international and regional human rights law, including by decriminalizing defamation and abolishing insult laws;
2. Decriminalize abortion in all circumstances and remove legal, administrative and practical barriers to accessing safe and legal abortion services;
3. Ensure all women and girls can access sexual and reproductive health information, services and commodities, including emergency contraception and other modern methods of contraception, as well as comprehensive sexuality education both in and out of school.
4. 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.

I wish Madagascar all success for its review.

I thank you