**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR34 - Slovenia**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Slovenia.

We welcome Slovenia´s engagement for the full respect of human rights and its broad

commitment to cooperating with the Human Rights Council and other international mechanisms. We also welcome steps taken by Slovenia outlined in the report and in particular efforts to advance gender equality and the right to a healthy environment.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Revise the definition of rape in the Criminal Code so that it is based on the absence of consent, bringing it in line with international human rights law and standards.
2. Strengthen activities and laws aimed at the elimination of discrimination in society, other intolerance and hate speech against minorities and other groups, including based on sexual orientation, gender identity or sex characteristics.
3. Enact general legislation on the recognition of both same-sex parents involved in the growth of a child, as well as extending access to adoption to same-sex couples on par with others.
4. Develop and implement a national strategy on the protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

I wish Slovenia all success for its review.

I thank you