**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR35 - Guinea**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Guinea.

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

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the second optional protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex and expand its anti-discrimination legislation, to include a prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Guarantee the rights to freedom of information and freedom of expression and ensure that human rights defenders and journalists can carry out their legitimate and peaceful activities, including monitoring and documenting human rights violations, without threat to their security and without fear of attack or reprisal.
4. Amend legislation to criminalize marital rape and remove provisions which discriminate against women, including exceptions to the prohibition of early and enforced marriage in the Criminal Code.

I wish Guinea all success for its review.

I thank you