**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR35 – Guinea-Bissau**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Guinea-Bissau.

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

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Take effective measures, including the strengthening of existing legislation, to prevent child, early and forced marriages in practice, and to bring national legislation in line with the CRC and CEDAW.
2. Increase efforts to promote men’s involvement to fight gender inequality and to promote free access of women to modern family planning methods.
3. To provide for the decentralization of sexual and reproductive services at the local level, including by extending the representative protection services by the Ministry of Health, Family and Social Cohesion in the regions.
4. Enact legislation protecting the rights of LGBTI individuals, including expanding non-discrimination laws to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

I wish Guinea-Bissau all success for its review.

I thank you