**Statement by Iceland**

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1. Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Ensure a safe and enabling space for civil society and human rights defenders, including by ending all forms of harassment against defenders.
3. Amend the Press and Publications Law, Cybercrime Law and Communication Law to bring them into line with international standards on the right to freedom of expression.
4. Amend the Nationality Act to enable Kuwaiti women to transfer nationality to their children and spouses on an equal basis with men.
5. 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.

I wish Kuwait all success for its review.

I thank you