**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR35 - Spain**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Spain.

We welcome Spain´s engagement for the full respect of human rights and welcome steps taken by Spain outlined in the national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure that the basic law on the protection of public security does not infringe on the freedom of expression and assembly.
2. Consider establishing specialized centres so that all survivors of sexual violence can be comprehensively assisted by a specialized team.
3. Establish a mechanism to ensure that women’s access to sexual and reproductive health services is not impeded by refusals to provide abortion services on the grounds of conscience.
4. Continue legislative initiatives on amending the requirements for registering a change of sex and on combating discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sexual characteristics.

I wish Spain all success for its review.

I thank you