**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 - Liberia**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Liberia and their engagement with OHCHR and the UN to further human rights in the country.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and implement 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. Increase the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services and commodities, including through family planning outreach and community-based distribution of modern family planning commodities.
4. Ensure the timely implementation of the four-year National Action Plan for Child Welfare and Protection for Liberia, and allocate sufficient resources for the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to implement the plan.
5. Criminalize the practice of FGM through amending the Children’s Law, accelerate the implementation of the Domestic Violence Law and ensure the speedy implementation of the Anti SGBV roadmap.

I wish Liberia all success for its review.

I thank you