**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 - Malawi**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Malawi and look forward to its contribution to the work of the Human Rights Council as a newly elected member.

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. Finalize the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act to include internationally recognized definitions of sexual harassment, intimate partner violence and forced sex/marital rape.
4. Increase the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services and commodities, including through family planning outreach, to address teen pregnancies and child marriages in all districts of the country.

I wish Malawi all success for its review.

I thank you