**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 - Maldives**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Maldives, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hopes for their continued implementation.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify 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. Provide adequate funding for sexual and reproductive health services for all, including for vulnerable groups through the new Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Strategy.
4. Address the large decline of use of contraceptives by improving data collection on sexual and reproductive health and abortion expenses for future planning.

I wish Maldives all success for its review.

I thank you