**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 – Marshall Islands**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Marshall Islands, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully implement the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Strategy and ensure that comprehensive sexuality education is systematically integrated into the family health education curriculum, to combat the high prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy amongst adolescents.
2. Strengthen the systematic collection of statistical data on gender-based violence against women, including domestic violence, disaggregated by age

and relationship between the victim and the perpetrator.

1. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habiting couples in same-sex unions.

I wish the Marshall Islands all success for its review.

I thank you