**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 - Panama**

Madam President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Panama and welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation. We particularly welcome efforts to advocate for equal pay and their contribution to the International Equal Pay Coalition.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation that addresses direct and indirect discrimination and encompasses all the prohibited grounds of discrimination, including sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Pass and implement laws that would recognize same-sex partnerships and define the rights and obligations of co-habiting couples in same-sex unions.
3. Adopt and implement curricula on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, including information about issues of violence, that is provided throughout schooling.

I wish Panama all success for its review.

I thank you