**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR36 – United States of America**

Madam President,

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

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Impose a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty nationwide.
2. Strengthen activities and laws aimed at the elimination of discrimination in society and other intolerance against minorities and other groups, including based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Take necessary measures to reduce gun violence, concerned at the large number of gun-related deaths and injuries, which disproportionately affect members of racial and ethnic minorities.
4. Protect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls by ensuring their access to sexual and reproductive health information, commodities and services.

I wish the US all success for its review.

I thank you