

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Micronesia**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Micronesia and welcomes steps taken to tackle discrimination and applauds the legal revision in 2018 to include sexual orientation as a basis of discrimination.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

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.
2. Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including in the home.
3. Improve the existing legislative framework by adopting and implementing comprehensive legislation that establishes the State's obligation to effectively protect women and girls against domestic and sexual violence.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to strengthen access to quality integrated sexual and reproductive health services for women, couples, adolescents and youth, using the updated Family Planning guidelines by 2022.

I wish Micronesia all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Lebanon**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Lebanon, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope 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. Adopt the draft law criminalizing sexual harassment and develop a national action plan to prevent sexual harassment both within and outside of the workplace.
3. 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.
4. Integrate comprehensive sexuality education into the national education curriculum, develop resources, and conduct trainings for educators in order to ensure its effective implementation.

I wish Lebanon all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Mauritania**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Mauritania and 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. Adopt a law criminalizing FGM which takes into consideration a multisectoral approach, the change of social norms, human rights, gender equality and the training of service providers.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to introduce a module on sexual and reproductive health in school curricula for middle and high school and modules on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the curriculum of health and medical schools.

I wish Mauritania all success for its review.

I thank you

**Statement by Iceland**  
**UPR37 – Saint Kitts and Nevis**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope 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. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and align domestic law to the treaties.
3. 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.
4. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.
5. Fully integrate comprehensive sexuality education in the Health and Family Life Education (HFLE) curriculum and develop social programmes for out-of-school adolescents and youth.

I wish Saint Kitts and Nevis all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Australia**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Australia and its work to advance human rights at home and abroad. In particular, we welcome significant progress in protecting the human rights of LGBTI persons.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility nationwide and fund and support community-led prevention and diversion programs that keep children and youth out of prison.
2. End harmful practices, including forced and coercive medical interventions, to ensure the bodily integrity of children with intersex variations.
3. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI+ persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.

I wish Australia all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Saint Lucia**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Saint Lucia, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope 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. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and align domestic law to the treaties.
3. 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.
4. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI+ persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.
5. Revise the Health and Family Life Education program to include education on healthy and respectful family life and interpersonal relationships, personal and shared values, cultural and social norms, human rights, gender equality, non-discrimination, violence and gender-based violence (GBV), consent and bodily integrity, sexual abuse and harmful practices, in line with UN technical guidelines on education.

I wish Saint Lucia all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Nepal**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nepal and its decision to join last year the UN LGBTI Core Group in New York, together with Iceland.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and supporting free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.
2. Adopt marriage equality legislation, extending full marriage rights to same-sex couples.
3. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to ensure that marginalized groups are able to exercise their reproductive rights through universal access to quality family planning services, the upscaling of adolescent friendly health services and the full integration of comprehensive sexuality education, consistent with the evolving capacities and needs of youth.

I wish Nepal all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Oman**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Oman, welcomes the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope 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. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and supporting free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.
4. Review current legislation and reform as necessary all discriminatory provisions, including regarding rights in marriage, divorce and inheritance, and the right of women to confer nationality onto their children and spouses.

I wish Oman all success for its review.

I thank you



## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Austria**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Austria and its work to advance human rights at home and abroad, including through its excellent stewardship of the Human Rights Council in 2020.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ensure survivors of sexual and domestic violence have unrestricted access to shelters and provide adequate financial and human resources to survivors' support services, including for effective victim protection.
2. End harmful practices, including forced and coercive medical interventions, to ensure the bodily integrity of children with intersex variations.
3. Ensure free and timely access to appropriate health-care for all, including LGBTI+ persons, children and adolescents where the young person has sufficient maturity to provide informed consent.

I wish Austria all success for its review.

I thank you

**Statement by Iceland**  
**UPR37 - Myanmar**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Myanmar and makes the following recommendations:

1. Fully abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Cooperate fully with UN human rights mechanisms, including by granting the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar full access to all parts of the country.
3. 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.
4. Provide guidance and standards, and sensitize health professionals, health-service providers, security forces and legal operators to provide services with dignity and respect for all populations, including LGBTI+ persons.

I wish Myanmar all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Rwanda**

Madam/Mr. President,

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

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and supporting free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.
2. 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.
3. Enhance its efforts to firmly combat all forms of gender-based violence against women, including domestic and sexual violence.
4. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to further improve family planning access, service delivery and uptake by increasing the number of health facilities, skilled healthcare providers and by expanding the available contraceptive method mix, including emergency contraceptives.

I wish Rwanda all success for its review.

I thank you

**Statement by Iceland**  
**UPR37 - Georgia**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Georgia and its recent legal amendments of 2019 to further its efforts to tackle discrimination.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen activities and laws aimed at the elimination of discrimination in society, other intolerance and hate speech against minorities and other groups, including based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and supporting free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.
3. Adopt the maternity, paternity and childcare leave and compensation policies that provide guaranteed compensation and promote a division of child-care responsibility between both parents.
4. Develop and implement comprehensive curriculum on sexual and reproductive health and rights, in accordance with the UNESCO guidelines.

I wish Georgia all success for its review.

I thank you

## **Statement by Iceland**

### **UPR37 - Nauru**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Nauru, the national report and the steps outlined therein and hope for their continued implementation. In particular, we welcome its decisions in 2016 to decriminalize same-sex sexual activity and the abolishment of the death penalty.

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. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and align domestic law to the treaties.
4. Protect and uphold the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including through respecting and upholding free and independent media, in line with international human rights standards.

I wish Nauru all success for its review.

I thank you.

**Statement by Iceland**  
**UPR37 - Sao Tome and Principe**

Madam/Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Sao Tome and Principe, its ratification in 2016 of the second optional protocol to the ICCPR and the new family law that established 18 as the minimum age for marriage and strengthened the obligations of parents, especially fathers, towards their children.

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. Implement the commitment made at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 to respond to the needs of young people and reducing the early pregnancy rate from 15% to 10% by 2023 through the intensification of comprehensive sexuality education in all secondary schools and provision of youth friendly sexual and reproductive health in all health centres and posts.

I wish Sao Tome and Principe all success for its review.

I thank you