



**Intervention of Slovenia
Review of Iceland
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Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Iceland and thanks them for their presentation today.

We acknowledge the high standard of protection and promotion of human rights in Iceland. Slovenia welcomes the comprehensive information on human rights education in the report and the numerous activities of the Government of Iceland in this area. We further commend Iceland for its achievements in the field of gender equality and women's rights as well as its prominent role in promoting the issue in the international fora.

Nevertheless, we note that Iceland has not yet ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT).

Bearing in mind the issues raised we offer the Government of Iceland the following **recommendations**:

- to ratify as soon as possible the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT);
- to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

Thank you.
