

**Recommendations made by Iceland to the Russian Federation**  
**16th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Thank you Mr. President.**

Iceland warmly welcomes the honorable delegation of the Russian Federation to the UPR and thanks Russia for its comprehensive national report.

Iceland recognises that Russian legislation provides for the prohibition of discrimination based on social, racial, sexual, ethnic, linguistic, religious grounds. Nevertheless gender-based discrimination is not explicitly prohibited.

Iceland is furthermore deeply concerned over reports of discrimination and acts of violence against LGBT persons in Russia.

Iceland would like to make two recommendations.

First, Iceland recommends that Russia amends its existing legislation so as to include an explicit provision on prohibition of discrimination based on gender and a specific provision on a definition of direct and indirect discrimination.

Second, Iceland recommends that the Russian Federation takes specific measures to ensure effective investigation of acts of violence against LGBT persons and to hold perpetrators to account.

**I thank you, Mr President.**