

Recommendations made by Iceland to Canada 16th session of the Universal Periodic Review

Thank you Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the actions and initiatives taken by Canada to combat violence against women and girls, including measures to address its causes and consequences and provide the victims with support. Iceland recognizes the complexity of the issue and the multiplicity of stakeholders and Iceland would thus be interested to learn whether Canada is planning to develop and implement a strategy to end violence against aboriginal women and girls.

Iceland commends Canada for the measures taken to strengthen enforcement legislation and programmes regarding prohibition of commercial sexual exploitation of children since the last review, including law reform initiatives to better protect children and youth from sexual predators. Iceland has two recommendations for Canada. First, we urge Canada to amend its legislation on child prostitution in order to protect a child from prosecution or punishment for prostitution offences. Second, to explicitly criminalize corporal punishment of children.

I thank you