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Mister President,  
Dear delegation of Iceland,  
Excellencies,  
Everyone,

The Center for Global Nonkilling congratulates Iceland for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention, an important tool to combat gender-based and family violence. Furthermore, we happily welcome the work with training judges, prosecutors, police officers and other professionals about the requirements of the Convention, as noted in the national report. However, this has not yet reached the aimed results.

What kind of measures are planned to ensure that victims of violence get a better response from professionals, leading to more victims reporting about abuses and getting justice?

We are thankful for the improved legislation considering consent and rape stating that only a “yes” is a consent. However, the court professionals have still been referring to the old legislation in rape cases. What are your plans to improve the implementation of present law about consent?

Lastly, we congratulate Iceland on accepting the recommendations made to ratify the Convention on Enforced Disappearances. We are concerned about the ratification process as the State of Iceland made a voluntary commitment to ratify the convention already during the first UPR cycle. Sharing the background reason for the delay as well as the plans for the ratification and implementation of the Convention will be highly appreciated.

Thank you, Mister President.