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Statement by Hungary on Georgia
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Georgia and thank them for the detailed national report and the oral update.

Hungary commends the ratification by Georgia of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). However, we note that the implementation of the Convention is still lacking and that numerous important problems remained unresolved. First and foremost, Georgia has not reviewed the normative framework in light of the spirit of the Convention and many aspects of the legislation are still in contradiction with the CRPD. Therefore Hungary **recommends** Georgia to take concrete steps to harmonize its national legislation with the Convention and to ratify its Optional Protocol.

Furthermore, as according to certain reports torture and degrading treatment is still widespread in penitentiaries, there seems to be room for improvement in the investigation and prosecution of offenders. Thus, Hungary recommends that Georgia enhance efforts to ensure compliance with international standards as set out in the Manual on the Effective Investigation of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Istanbul Protocol).

Finally, we note with regret that corporal punishment of children remains lawful in Georgia, despite recommendations to prohibit it by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Human Rights Committee and during the 1st UPR cycle of the country. We **recommend** that Georgia clearly prohibits all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including at home, and make awareness-raising campaigns to increase public knowledge about its harmful effects.

Thank you, Mr. President!