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Iceland warmly welcomes the Delegation of Georgia and takes positive note of the progress made since their first Review.

We congratulate Georgia on the adoption of the Law on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination on 2 May 2014. However, my Delegation believes that further steps should be taken to ensure adequate monitoring and implementation.

Iceland further welcomes the introduction of the National Action Plan for Gender Equality for 2014-2016. We urge the Government to ensure that sanctions are sufficient to discourage and prevent discrimination. And we encourage Georgia to take further steps to respect, protect and fulfil the equal rights of women

Iceland recommends to the Government of Georgia the following:

1. Establish a mechanism that monitors the implementation of the 2014 anti-discrimination legislation and action-oriented strategies.
2. Undertake further measures to improve the *de facto* position of women by implementing international commitments from CEDAW and the Beijing Platform for Action. This should be done through concrete and effective policies and programs.