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**Statement
of
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Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Macedonia welcomes the delegation of Georgia led by HE Ms. Katuna Totladze, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and thanks them for presentation of their national report.

We congratulate the progress made in developing the human rights protection framework in Georgia since the first cycle of the UPR through the commendable structuring of its legal and institutional system for the promotion and protection of human rights. We note with appreciation that the Government of Georgia has submitted a mid-term report in 2013. We also note positively the involvement of the CSO and the Parliament in the process of preparation of the National report of Georgia for the IInd cycle of the UPR.

Mr. President,

Despite these positive developments, we note with concern the increasing death toll of women as a result of domestic violence in the country.

The Republic of Macedonia also views with concern the developments regarding the high dropout rate of minority students, especially girls as well as the continued practice of early marriages.

We would like to pose the following question to the delegation:

- Could you provide an update on the developments following the cases of 2012 in terms of the oversight of detention and penitentiary facilities with aim to eliminate alleged practices of torture and ill-treatment?

In concluding, we offer the following recommendations to the Delegation of Georgia:

1. Redouble its efforts in the fight against domestic violence by ensuring effective investigations into incidents of domestic violence and providing adequate support and assistance to victims.
2. Improve the education of persons belonging to minority groups.
3. Increase efforts to eradicate early marriages through, implementation of the relevant recommendation made by the CEDAW.

Thank you.