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Mr. President,

Ukraine warmly welcomes the delegation of Georgia and thanks for the presentation of the National report prepared with wide NGO engagement.

We commend the progress achieved in implementation of the first UPR cycle recommendations, in particular:

- adoption of the Human Rights Strategy, subsequent Action Plan and comprehensive anti-discrimination law;
- significant efforts being undertaken at the policymaking and institutional levels for better coordination;
- further harmonization of legislation with the international standards through ratifying or acceding to a number of international conventions.

We encourage Georgia:

- to increase awareness of the IDPs on their rights and relevant State support programs as well as to shift from status-based to needs-based assistance for them;
- to develop the modern system of probation and execution of alternative sanctions.

Our recommendations:

- to take measures for de-institutionalization of child care institutions and development of alternative, family type services for deprived children;
- to establish effective regulatory mechanisms for promoting development of legal migration and preventing irregular migration and trafficking in human beings;
- to continue engagement with the international community for ensuring access of international human rights monitoring mechanisms to the regions of Georgia, namely Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia.

Thank you.