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Statement by Mr. Shalva Tsiskarashvili, Permanent Representative

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We warmly welcome the high-ranking Delegation of Estonia and thank Foreign Minister, H.E. Kaljurand for the comprehensive presentation.

Georgia highlights Estonia's achievements in dealing with the human rights agenda.

We would like to commend Estonia for becoming a party to the CRPD, OP to the CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict, Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and for ratification of Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

We underscore Estonia's efforts that have been taken towards advancement of the gender equality and welcome the establishment of the Gender Equality Council.

Georgia also welcomes the creation of the position of Ombudsman for Children and adoption of a new Child Protection Act.

We encourage Estonia to continue the practice of the submission of mid-term implementation reports.

In the light of the aforesaid Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Estonia:

1. To continue consideration of the establishment of a national human rights institution compliant with the Paris Principles;
2. To continue reinforcing its efforts to protect children's rights;
3. While recognizing Estonia's progress in improving detention conditions and addressing the problem of overcrowding in prisons, to continue work in this direction.

We wish the distinguished delegation of Estonia a successful UPR.

Thank you Mr. President.