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Statement by Mr. Shalva Tsiskarashvili, Permanent Representative  
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We warmly welcome the delegation of Namibia and thank the honorable Minister Kawana for the presentation.

Georgia commends the Government of Namibia for the adoption of the first National Human Rights Action Plan and for mandating the Office of the Ombudsman to monitor the implementation of the plan.

We also welcome the submission of a mid-term implementation report regarding the recommendations accepted during the first UPR cycle and therefore encourage the Government of Namibia to do so during the second cycle as well.

Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Namibia:

1. While acknowledging efforts to cooperate with special procedures, to consider issuing a standing invitation to the special procedures mandate holders;
2. To take measures towards the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We wish the delegation of Namibia a successful UPR.

Thank you Mr. President.