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We welcome the Delegation of Niger and thank the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the report.

Georgia notes with appreciation that Niger has ratified several international human rights legal instruments, particularly OPCAT, and adopted several legislative provisions since the first cycle of its UPR.

We welcome the extension of the standing invitation to the special procedures.

We highlight Niger's efforts to combat slavery, including the adoption of a National Action Plan to combat trafficking in persons and related offences, including slavery and encourage the Government to continue its efforts.

Georgia acknowledges steps taken by the Government to enhance the protection of women and children, including the adoption of Niger National Gender Policy, Niger National Policy for the Integrated Development of Young Children and the Framework Document for Child Protection.

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

1. To abolish the death penalty, through the accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and to maintain de-facto moratorium on executions till ratification;
2. To take more active measures to abolish all forms of slavery in practice;
3. To conduct awareness-raising campaigns related to women's rights, in particular aimed at eradicating female genital mutilation.

We wish the delegation of Niger a successful UPR.

Thank you Mr. President.