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I would like to welcome the Delegation of Ireland and thank the distinguished Permanent Representative for the presentation.

Georgia highlights Ireland's strong commitment in protecting and promoting human rights. We welcome the establishment of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) as an independent statutory body and stress the decision that stipulated a significant increase of its funding:

We also welcome the submission of a mid-term implementation report regarding the recommendations accepted during the first cycle and encourage the Government to continue this practice.

At the same time, we note with concern the reports that Ireland has not yet ratified some important international human rights instruments.

In this context, Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Ireland:

- To ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OP-CAT) and Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OP-CRC-SC).

We wish the delegation of Ireland a successful UPR.