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**Statement by Mr. Shalva Tsiskarashvili, Permanent Representative**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Syria.

Georgia expresses its strong solidarity with the Syrian people who continue to suffer due to the ongoing conflict. Georgia remains concerned at the extremely grave human rights and humanitarian situation in Syria and would like to make the following **recommendations**:

* To take immediate measures in order to comply with the obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law;
* To provide without delay unhindered, safe and sustained access and full cooperation to independent human rights actors, including the OHCHR, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria and special procedures mandate holders;
* To facilitate rapid and unrestricted humanitarian access for UN humanitarian agencies in order to provide assistance to all civilians in need.

Thank you.