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We warmly welcome the Delegation of Togo and thank the Head of Delegation for the presentation.

We note with appreciation that a number of laws have been amended and introduced since the first UPR, including enactment of the new Criminal Code and new Personal and Family Code.

Georgia commends Togo for ratification of UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education, Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and Arms Trade Treaty.

We acknowledge efforts to cooperate with special procedures and encourage the Government to issue a standing invitation to the special procedures mandate holders. We welcome the submission of the mid-term implementation report by Togo in 2014 regarding the recommendations accepted during the UPR and further encourage the government to follow this practice.

Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Togo:

* To speed up the process of ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and Optional Protocol to the CEDAW;
* To continue taking the necessary steps to achieve universal primary education;
* To further strengthen efforts to promote good governance.

We wish the delegation of Togo a successful UPR.