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We warmly welcome the Delegation of Uganda and thank the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia welcomes the adoption and implementation of various policies and programs in order to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights. We acknowledge efforts aimed at improving human rights system in the country and encourage the Government to further mainstream human rights issues at all levels.

Georgia notes with appreciation that the Government of Uganda developed the National Action Plan on Human Rights (2014) through a consultative, participatory and inclusive process.

Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Uganda:

* To consider the ratification of the OP-CAT, the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW and the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR;
* To intensify efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls;
* To consider an extension of standing invitation to special procedures mandate holders.

We wish the delegation of Uganda a successful UPR.