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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Brazil and thanks the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We highlight steps taken by the Government to reduce extreme poverty and fight against modern slavery. We also positively note the measures undertaken in promoting children’s rights, including through the adoption of laws, which establish the right of children and adolescents to be educated and cared for without the use of physical punishment and view the enabling of sexual exploitation of children or adolescents as a heinous crime.

Georgia acknowledges Brazil’s progress in dealing the human rights agenda, including commitment to combat and prevent torture and other ill-treatment, although there are concerns with reports regarding situation in prisons.

Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Brazil:

• To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure;

• To intensify efforts aimed at combating and preventing torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

We wish the Delegation of Brazil a successful UPR.