**GEORGIA**

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

Georgia notes positively, that since the last UPR a number of new laws and undertakings have been introduced, including the Organic Law on the National Councils for Equality and Organic Law on Disabilities.

Georgia also welcomes launching of the SIDERECHOS platform for the follow up to the recommendations and obligations derived from treaty bodies.

Georgia encourages the Government of Ecuador to follow the practice of voluntary submission of the mid-term implementation report regarding the recommendations accepted during the UPR.

We note with appreciation that Ecuador is a signatory to the most international conventions and welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, since the second UPR. Georgia also welcomes prioritisinig of eradication of gender-based violence addressed through the “National Plan for the Eradication of Gender Violence against Women, Children and Adolescents”.

Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Ecuador:

* To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure;
* To continue efforts to eradicate gender-based violence.

We wish the Delegation of Ecuador a successful UPR.