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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Colombia and thanks Vice Minister **TAYLOR JAY** for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome the recent signing of the new host country agreement between the Government of Colombia and the High Commissioners Office, extending the presence of the Office in Colombia until 2032.

Georgia also values the establishment of program of visits in line with the extended standing invitation for the special procedure mandate holders*.*

Georgia positively assesses steps aimed at eliminating child labor including the allocation of technical assistance to the relevant inter-agency committees, devising the communication strategy and launching awareness-raising campaigns

My delegation welcomes measures undertaken to promote women’s rights, including the strengthening of the Office of the Presidential Advisor for Women’s Equity and creation of a national working group on gender-based violence.

Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Colombia:

* To carry on with measures aimed at combatting trafficking in persons;
* To continue strengthening the Office of the Presidential Advisor for Women’s Equity through providing it with necessary political and financial support.

We wish the Delegation of Colombia a successful UPR.