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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Turkmenistan and thanks H.E. Mr. Vepa HAJIYEV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia positively assesses the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Gender Equality for the period 2021–2025. In this regard we encourage the government to ensure the allocation of necessary human technical and financial resources for the implementation of the plan.

We note with satisfaction that In November 2022, a round table on “Practical experience of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture” was held in Ashgabat, organized by the OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia and with the participation of the Ombudsperson and representatives of ministries and agencies.

Having said this, Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Turkmenistan:

* To further expand public education programs related to the gender equality;
* To advance measures aimed at enacting of anti-discrimination legislation.

We wish the delegation of Turkmenistan a very successful UPR.