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

We positively view the legislative advancements, namely acceding to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty as well as strengthening the National Human Rights Commission, and encourage the Congolese government to further enhance its mission and independence.

We commend measures taken at modernizing the national police force, as an important step aimed at strengthening the human rights in the country.

Taking this opportunity, Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Congo:

* To enhance efforts aimed at protection and promotion of human rights of vulnerable groups.
* To continue advancing international human rights instruments as well as domestic legislation.
* To continue cooperation with the OHCHRand finalize establishment of the national mechanism for the drafting of reports and follow-up to the recommendations.

We wish the delegation of Congo successful UPR.