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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Czechia and thanks the Head of Delegation for the presentation.

Georgia highlights Czechia’s achievements in dealing with the human rights agenda, acknowledges the progress made since the second UPR cycle and welcomes the fact that most of the accepted recommendations from the second cycle have been or are being implemented.

Czechia is a signatory to the most international conventions, number of international instruments have been ratified during past 5 years and in this context we welcome the ratification of the OP CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the OP CRC on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure.

Czechia has taken significant steps towards ensuring gender equality and protection of women’s rights through relevant strategies, action plans and campaigns. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the Government’s Strategy for Equality between Women and Men for 2014–2020 and the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-motivated Violence for 2015-2018.

In line of the aforesaid Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Czechia:

* To accelerate the process of ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention);
* To further examine ways to ensure the most efficient protection for victims of discrimination;
* to further strengthen measures aimed at accomplishing equality between women and men.

We wish the delegation of Czechia a successful UPR.