**GEORGIA**

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

Georgia welcomes the fact that most of the accepted recommendations from the second cycle have been or are being implemented by Gabon.

We also welcome the ratification of the 2nd OP to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and the OP to the CRPD.

Georgia commends Gabon for steps taken towards combating the trafficking, strengthening the juvenile justice and the protection of rights of persons with disabilities.

We welcome the adoption of the National Gender Equality and Equity Strategy, however note that there are Constitutional and legislative gaps in guaranteeing the full protection against all forms of discrimination.

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

* Finalize the process of establishing a national mechanism for the prevention of torture;
* Finalize the A-status accreditation and ensure functioning of the National Human Rights Commission;
* To further strengthen measures aimed at combating all forms of discrimination against women.

We wish the delegation of Gabon a successful UPR.