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

Georgia recognizes steps taken by Ukraine in implementing the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle and in this regard, we welcome the ratification of a number of international instruments. In this context Georgia encourages Ukraine to accelerate process of ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

We also welcome comprehensive judicial reform carried out in Ukraine as well as measures towards combating discrimination *inter alia* through adopting relevant legislation.

Meanwhile, we remain concerned over the human rights situation in the temporary occupied territories of Ukraine and therefore Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Ukraine:

* To intensify cooperation with the international community in order to ensure access of international human rights and humanitarian actors and monitoring mechanisms to the whole territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders with the aim to monitor, report and address the human rights situation;
* To use all existing instruments and mechanisms to protect human rights and freedoms of Ukrainian citizens living on the temporary occupied territories of Ukraine while taking political and diplomatic steps aimed at restoring Ukraine’s territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

We wish the Delegation of Ukraine a successful UPR.