Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Georgia and thanks it for its National Report.

We congratulate Georgia on continued solid progress in promoting and protecting human rights. To further build on those achievements, we **recommend** Georgia:

First, to strengthen the independence of the judiciary by ensuring transparency of appointment of judges to the Supreme Court.

Second, to ratify the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (ICPPED) and the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (OP-CRPD).

Third, we praise Georgia’s efforts to provide decent conditions for IDPs and refugees and recommend to continue close cooperation with international community in order to ensure unrestricted access of international human rights monitoring mechanisms and humanitarian actors to Georgia’s regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali /South Ossetia, to monitor, report and address the situation of the conflict-affected population.

We wish Georgia a successful review.

Thank you.