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**Recommendations by Canada for Georgia’s UPR**

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada welcomes the strides made by Georgia under its Human Rights National Strategy, including the establishment of the first Human Rights Department in 2018 under the Ministry of Interior Affairs and the relaunching of a council responsible for human rights.

Canada recommends that Georgia:

1. Strengthen mechanisms for accountability of law enforcement abuses, including by equipping the State Inspector’s Service with the necessary resources and support to effectively implement its mandate.
2. Improve mechanisms to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary to encourage greater public trust in the rule of law, including by prioritizing transparent and fair guidelines in judicial appointments.
3. Continue to implement and expand measures to uphold the rights of LGBTQ2I individuals, including by ensuring full investigations into abuses and addressing hate speech.
4. Strengthen the protection of the economic and social rights of internally-displaced persons and asylum-seekers.

Canada notes that important steps still need to be taken to strengthen existing investigatory and anti-discrimination mechanisms.