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Georgia

Statement by the Republic of Poland

*Geneva, 26 January 2021*

*Excellency,*

Poland would like to thank the Georgian delegation for its participation in the UPR process. We recommend Georgia to:

* **Continue its efforts to guarantee a full enjoyment of freedom of religion or belief, in particular by persons belonging to religious minorities;**
* **Further improve the standard of living of children, including housing, water and sanitation;**
* **Undertake awareness-raising campaigns aimed at combatting prejudices against children with disabilities;**
* **Continue mobilizing efforts of the international community to ensure unrestricted access of international human rights mechanisms to Georgian breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia in order to monitor and report the human rights situation in these territories.**

We appreciate steps undertaken by Georgia in order to uphold respect for human rights as well its continuous cooperation with the OHCHR.

We remain concerned by the human rights situation in the Georgian breakaway territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region, remaining outside the effective control of the Georgian state **and the** systemic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms by actors in control of both territories. The continuous process of the ‘borderization’ limits the access of the population to health care services, deteriorating their situation in times of the pandemic.

*Thank you.*