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**UPR37 – Georgia**

**Statement by Slovakia**

26 January 2021

Mme President,

We recognize efforts made by Georgia to address human rights related issues and praise it for numerous positive steps taken since its last UPR. Slovakia also welcomes that Georgia continues to make progress on structural human rights reforms.

The human rights situation in the breakaway regions, which offer limited international scrutiny, continues to be a source of concern, aggravated by lengthy closures of the crossing points in both breakaway regions

We positively evaluate that Georgia is a party to almost all UN human rights treaties. We recommend that Georgia ratify IC for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

We appreciate the adoption of the Code on the Rights of the Child. We recommend that Georgia consolidate the child protection mechanism, in particular for homeless children or children involved in child labour.

We acknowledge that Georgia's anti-corruption reforms are the most successful among Eastern European states.

We recommend that Georgia continue to implement these reforms rigorously.

We wish Georgia a successful review.

I thank you, Mme President.