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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Palau and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome legislative changes made by the Government of the Republic of Palau since the previous cycle with the view to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in various fields.

We commend the Republic of Palau for the ratification of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime including its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children as well the establishment of the Human Trafficking Task Force and creation of the Anti-Human Trafficking Office.

Georgia also welcomes the establishment of Severely Disabled Assistance Fund and efforts towards the strengthening of the social protection programs.

Stemming from the aforesaid, Georgia would like to recommend to Palau:

* To continue steps towards the ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
* To intensify its efforts towards the protection and assistance to victims of human trafficking.

With this in mind, we wish the delegation of the Republic of Palau a very successful review.