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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Sierra Leone and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia welcomes Sierra Leone’s commitment to be engaged with the UN human rights system.

We appreciate the declaration of intention by the Government to abolish the death penalty and encourage further efforts to this end.

We also positively note Sierra Leone’s steps towards prohibiting gender based discrimination, including through ratifying major international and regional treaties.

We appreciate that the Government of Sierra Leone continues its efforts to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) practice and undertakes concrete steps.

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Sierra Leone:

* To enhance its efforts to combat all forms of gender-based discrimination;
* To accelerate the process of the adoption of the National Strategy for Reduction of Female Genital Mutilation.

We wish the Delegation of Sierra Leone a successful UPR.