**GEORGIA**

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**UPR OF ICELAND**

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Thank you Madame President,

Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Iceland and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the report.

We welcome the ratification of various international human rights instruments since the last UPR, including CRPD, OPCAT and Istanbul Convention.

We positively assess the updated action plan against human trafficking published in March 2019.

We note with satisfaction the establishment of the working group on creating an independent national human rights institution.

With aforesaid in mind, Georgia recommends to Iceland:

* To intensify efforts aimed at establishing of independent national human rights institution in line with Paris Principles;
* To take further steps ensuring adoption of the comprehensive national plan on human rights;
* To continue efforts related to the identification of trafficking victims of sexual and labor exploitation, and ensuring appropriate protection and assistance to such victims.

Thank you