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Georgia welcomes and thanks the Delegation of the South Africa for the presentation of the national report.

My delegation positively evaluates the conduction of Research Study on the Nature and Scope of Trafficking in Persons conducted in partnership with USAID and development of the Victim Assistance Standard Operating Procedure in collaboration with the IOM.

Georgia welcomes the ratification of the OPCAT and establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM).

We note the progress as regards the participation of women in various sectors such as political, public service and the judiciary.

Having said that, Georgia would like to recommend to South Africa:

* To conduct steps towards increasing women’s representation at the decision-making level and providing capacity building for women candidates.
* To rigorously continue measures in order to more effectively combat human trafficking;
* To accelerate the adoption of the National Health Insurance Bill.

With this in mind, we wish the delegation of South Africa a very successful review.