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

Georgia also welcomes the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD and positively evaluates steps of the government aimed at combatting extremism and promotion of the gender equality through adopting relevant policies and strategies.

We note with satisfaction legislative steps related to the ratification of the Istanbul Convention and we are encouraged by government’s plans to strengthen NHRI.

Having said that, Georgia would like to recommend to Czechia:

* To intensify measures necessary for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention;
* To expedite the necessary amendment of the Act on the Public Defender of Rights, aimed at bringing the status of Public Defender of Rights to full compliance with the Paris Principles;
* To ensure effective measures of prevention and combat against trafficking in persons.

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