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

We laud Gabon for the constructive engagement with international human rights mechanisms, including for cooperation with special procedures, with the Office of Commissioner Georgia values the fact that extended standing invitation to the special procedures remains in place.

My delegation also welcomes the adoption of the revised Labour Code in 2021, which affirmed women’s equal access to work and efforts to increase women’s access to social protection.

My delegation positively evaluates the information that a bill on reforming of the National Human Rights Commission is in the process of being adopted by the parliament.

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to Gabon:

* To continue its efforts to ensure that the Commission complied with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights also known as the Paris Principles;
* To continue measures, which further promote and protect women’s rights in all areas.

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