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

We welcome the establishment of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights in 2020, which aims to create a new institutional framework for peace, and human rights.

Georgia positively evaluates the adoption of the mechanism for the implementation and monitoring of the institutional policy of the judiciary on gender equality and the promotion of women’s human rights. We also value the reactivation of the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and the update of the implementation strategy for the National Plan for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women for 2020–29.

With this in mind, Georgia would like to recommend to Guatemala:

* To continue strengthening the National Civil Police through ensuring the effectiveness and independence of its internal investigation mechanisms;
* To take further steps towards increasing the representation of women in elected and appointed decision-making positions.

We use this opportunity to wish the delegation of Guatemala a very successful review.