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

We laud Benin for measures implemented during the reporting period, including but not limited to the Constitutional changes and ratifications of number of international instruments. (National para 9).

We welcome the 2010–2025 National Policy on Gender Equality and its related action plan (compilation 42).

Georgia welcomes the launching of the Human Rights Commission, which was granted an A status in 2022. (National para 12). My delegation commends Benin on its engagement with the human rights mechanisms and acknowledges the improved performance of the national mechanism for reporting and following up on recommendations (compilation para 4).

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to Benin:

* To continue strengthening capacities of the national human rights mechanism through cooperation with OHCHR and other international partners; (compilation para 4)
* To continue mainstreaming of the gender aspect in other national policies (compilation 42).

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