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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Sri Lanka and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We acknowledge the steps taken by Sri Lanka aimed at implementation of the recommendations received during the previous cycle.

We positively note efforts by the Government aimed at ensuring “a zero tolerance” policy on torture.

We also note with appreciation the steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, empower vulnerable groups and fight against poverty.

At the same time Georgia would like to recommend Sri Lanka to:

* Further intensify measures to advance women’s’ rights, to promote empowerment of women and their participation in public and political life;
* Enhances measures to promote equality and eliminate all forms of discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, caste, or any other ground;
* Continue efforts to combat human trafficking.

We wish the Delegation of Sri Lanka a successful UPR.