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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Kingdom of Tonga and thanks the head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We positively assess Tonga’s efforts to prevent human trafficking and smuggling in Tonga.

Georgia welcomes the measures taken by the Kingdom to develop early childhood education (ECE) including the launching of “ECE Policy Framework”.

We also note with satisfaction Tonga’s steps towards the ratification of CEDAW and CAT and the establishment of relevant working groups in this regard.

We commend Tonga for the ratification of the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labor (1999 (C182)).

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Tonga:

* To take further steps to increase women’s participation at all decision-making levels*;*
* To continue efforts aimed at improving the fight against trafficking in persons.

We wish the delegation of Tonga a successful UPR.