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

We commend the Government of Botswana for the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

My delegation positively assesses measures adopted by Botswana to reduce HIV prevalence among young people.

Georgia also values the establishment of the National Gender Commission to monitor implementation of the National Policy on Gender and Development.

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to Botswana:

* To continue addressing the issue of technical support in the area of ratification; ***(From National report*** *Whereas Botswana is still in need of technical support in the area of ratification, efforts to address technical capacity challenges continue to be expended. Botswana has partnered and collaborated with treaty monitoring bodies and development partners for technical support on issues of ratification and domestication as follows)*
* To continue measures aimed at effective combat against Gender Based violence;
* To take further steps towards the promotion and protection of the rights of the Child.

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