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We thank the Delegation of Burundi for the presentation of the national report.

While noting the implementation of certain recommendations from the previous cycle, we remain concerned with the lack of cooperation from Burundi with regional and international mechanisms, in particular with the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi.

We observe the increase of severe human rights violations, restrictions on civil and political rights, and widespread impunity.

My Delegation continues to be alarmed by reports of violation of freedom of expression and media freedom and reprisals against human rights defenders and members of human rights organizations.

In line with the aforesaid Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Burundi:

* To cooperate fully with the United Nations human rights protection mechanisms and other regional and international organizations;
* To end the human rights violations and conduct prompt and impartial investigations, and prosecute those responsible in fair trials.
* To reopen the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.