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

We note with appreciation steps taken by the Government of Botswana to implement the recommendations from previous UPR cycle. In this regard, Georgia welcomes Botswana’s efforts towards the establishment of a national human rights institution and encourages the Government to further strengthen measures in this direction.

Georgia recognizes the Government’s initiatives to promote and enhance the rights of women and encourages Botswana to accelerate efforts aimed at prevention of gender based violence.

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

* To accelerate the accession process to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
* To further strengthen policies aimed at poverty eradication.
* To intensify efforts to ratify the OPCAT

We wish the Delegation of Botswana a successful UPR.