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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Montenegro and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national Report.

We commend the government of Montenegro for the progress achieved in respect to the promotion and protection of democracy and the rule of law.

We note with appreciation the Government’s policies to advance gender equality and eliminate discrimination and violence. In this context we welcome Montenegro’s ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and the adoption of the new Strategy for Domestic Violence Protection 2016-2020.

Georgia underlines an important role the Ombudsman has in promoting fundamental rights and freedoms and in this regard welcomes the Government’s efforts in reinforcing the mandate of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro and strengthening its autonomy.

Stemming from the aforesaid, Georgia would like to recommend to Montenegro:

* To continue measures aimed at improving conditions in detention facilities;
* To continue efforts to further promote women’s rights and support awareness-raising and education on gender-based violence;
* To accelerate the drafting of the Law Proposal, leading to the ratification of the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute.