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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Kingdom of Tonga and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation.

My delegation lauds the Government’s efforts in promoting human rights in various fields.

We welcome the revision of the National Policy on Gender and Development and the adoption of the Family Protection Act 2013, and Georgia encourages Tonga to strengthen its policies to further promote women’s rights and prevent domestic violence.

Georgia also welcomes the establishment of the Committee to consider the ratification of CAT and to review the relevant legislation.

Considering the afore-mentioned, Georgia recommends to the Kingdom of Tonga to:

* Accelerate steps towards ratification of CEDAW and CAT;
* Accelerate efforts to establish National Human Rights Institution in compliance with the Paris Principles.

With this in mind we wish the Delegation of Tonga a successful UPR.