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

We note with appreciation steps taken by the Government of Azerbaijan to implement the recommendations from previous UPR cycle. In this regard, we welcome the submission of the mid-term report and encourage the Government to follow this practice.

We welcome the ratification of international legal instruments and efforts aimed at improving domestic legislation.

Georgia welcomes the cooperation of the Government of Azerbaijan with international human rights mechanisms, including through extending standing invitation to all UN Special Procedure mandate holders.

Having said that, Georgia **recommends** to the Government of Azerbaijan:

* To intensify internal coordination related to the accession to the Optional Protocol to CRC on communications procedure;
* To continue efforts aimed at protection and promotion of women’s rights through relevant strategies, action plans and campaigns.

With this we wish the delegation of Azerbaijan a very successful UPR.