**GEORGIA**

**THE 30th session of the UPR Working group**

**UPR of the TURKMENISTAN**

**7 May, 2018**

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

Georgia welcomes reforms implemented by Turkmenistan aimed at provision of better human rights protection for its citizens and fulfilling its international obligations.

Georgia positively notes Turkmenistan’s accession to the Paris agreement as well as to a number of other international treaties.

Georgia also welcomes the strengthening of the framework of national human rights institutions in Turkmenistan through establishment of the position of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsperson), in line with the recommendations of the second cycle of the UPR.

Having said this, Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Turkmenistan:

* To accelerate its efforts towards eliminating violence against women and to consider adopting relevant legislation.
* To intensify internal examinations related to the accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;

We wish the delegation of Turkmenistan a very successful UPR.