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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Saudi Arabia and thanks **H.E. Dr. BANDAR AL AIBAN, President of the Human Rights Commission** for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome previously accepted recommendations to extend a standing invitation to all Special Procedures.

Georgia recognizes the KSA’s steps towards empowerment of women that was reflected in a number of decisions, including allowing women to conclude their businesses without being required to obtain the approval of another person.

We appreciate the initiatives undertaken by the KSA’s to combat trafficking in persons.

We remain concerned with the case of Saudi journalist and Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

We are also concerned over the increasing use of the death penalty in recent years.

Georgia would like to **recommend** to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

* to accelerate the efforts to implement the National Plan to Combat Crimes of trafficking in Persons (2017–2020).
* to intensify cooperation with Special Procedures Mandate Holders
* to consider the establishment of a moratorium on the death penalty

We wish the Saudi Delegation a very successful UPR

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