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Mr. President,

Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Chad and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation.

We note with satisfaction the adoption of the law granting the National Human Rights Commission independence from the executive branch and financial autonomy.

We also note the efforts of Chad to amend the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, in order to bring them in line with the relevant human rights conventions.

We acknowledge the Government’s steps taken to address the recommendations from the second review regarding the protection of rights of women and children and promotion of women’s participation in the decision-making bodies.

We note with satisfaction additional efforts of the Government of Chad, to ratify a number of important legal instruments independently of the recommendations of the 2014 review.

While recognizing achievements made by the Government of Chad, Georgia would like to offer the following recommendations:

* To optimize the timeframe for internal procedures necessary for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
* To intensify efforts towards establishing a new National Human Rights Commission.
* To continue efforts aimed at improving living conditions of detainees in prisons.

We wish the Delegation of Chad a successful UPR.

I thank you.