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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of New Zealand and thanks Hon. Minister Little for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome legislative changes, made by the Government of New Zealand within the review cycle, which are aimed at improving the protection of human rights in various fields.

We commend New Zealand for submitting two National Action Plans under the Open Government Partnership.

Georgia also commends the government of New Zealand for ratification of core human rights treaties and continuation of the standing invitation to Special Procedures mandate holders.

We welcome the establishment of national institutions for the further promotion and protection of human rights, namely Royal Commission of Inquiry and Serious Offences Unit.

Stemming from the aforesaid, Georgia would like to recommend to New Zealand:

* To continue the consideration of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;
* To continue its efforts to combat child abuse in all settings

With this in mind, we wish the delegation of New Zealand a very successful review.