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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Vanuatu and thanks the head of delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations from previous UPR cycle.

Georgia commends the government of Vanuatu for establishment of the National Human Rights Committee authorised to provide an advice to the Government on the ratification of core human rights treaties.

We positively note that during the preparation of the 3rd UPR, the Government developed the national implementation plan for UPR recommendations and engaged in the regional discussions and consultations with stakeholders from Government, Parliament and civil society.

We welcome the legislative changes made by the Government of Vanuatu with the view to ensure better protection of human rights in various fields.

Stemming from the aforesaid, Georgia would like to recommend to Vanuatu:

* To intensify efforts aimed at establishing an independent national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles;
* To consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

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