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My delegation welcomes and thanks the H.E. Deputy Minister Zhernovski for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia welcomes steps of the Government aimed at harmonization of the national framework with international human rights instruments and cooperation with UN treaty bodies.

Georgia positively views reaching of the Prespa Agreement.

 We commend authorities for developing and implementing numerous strategies and national plans, including new Strategy for Reform of the Justice System, 2018-2020 Gender Equality NAP, the National Strategy on Equality and Non-Discrimination on Grounds of Ethnic Affiliation, Age, Mental or Physical Disability and Gender, 2016-2020 National Equality and Non-Discrimination Strategy, 2013-2020 Gender Equality Strategy and NAP.

Georgia also welcomes the introduction of amendments to the Law on the Ombudsman

Stemming from the above my delegations recommends:

* To advance considerations of the ratification of already signed human rights instruments;
* To take further steps towards fulfilling the criteria for status A for the National Human rights Institution.

With this we wish the delegation a very successful review