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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Slovak Republic and thanks the head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We commend Slovak Government for efforts aimed at fulfilling recommendations received during the 2nd cycle of the UPR.

Georgia values the approval of the document entitled “Voluntary Pledges and Commitments of the SR at the UNHRC for the 2018–2020 Period”, concentrating on fight against all forms of racism and xenophobia, promotion of children’s rights and promotion of religion or belief and religious tolerance.

We welcome national strategies and action plans introduced and implemented within reporting period, particularly National Strategy for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in the Slovak Republic, The National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Violence, National Strategy for Gender Equality and Action Plan for Preventing and Eliminating Racism, Xenophobia and Anti-Semitism.

With this, Georgia would like to recommend to the Slovak Republic:

* To intensify considerations of the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.
* To continue addressing problems of reproductive health by means of National Programme for the Care of Children and Adolescents, in order to ensure optimum care for pregnant women and newborns.

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