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We welcome the Delegation of the Republic of Albania and thank H.E. Deputy Minister Dralo for the presentation of the national report.

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

We appreciate measures undertaken by the Government in order to implement the vast majority of recommendations (161 out of 165) from previous cycle.

We commend the Government for developing and implementing numerous strategies and national action plans in this regard, including the National Strategy on the Fight against Human Trafficking for 2018–2020, the 3rd National Strategy on Gender Equality and Action Plan 2016-2020, Anti-Corruption Crosscutting Strategy 2015-2020 and its Action Plan for 2018-2020.

We also welcome the amendments made in 2018 to the law on measures against domestic violence which improved the legal definition of domestic violence and adoption of a law on the protection of the rights of the child in 2017.

Having said that, Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of Albania:

* to continue its efforts to bring the national legal framework into compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention).
* to continue its efforts in order to accelerate the implementation of its legal and policy framework on child protection.

We wish the Delegation of the Republic of Albania a successful UPR.