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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Brunei Darussalam and thanks H.E. Dato Erywan Mohd Yusof, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs for the presentation of the National Report.

We welcome the steps by the Government to implement various programs to tackle social issues especially poverty.

We positively note the establishment of the National Council on Social Issues and encourage Brunei Darussalam to provide Council with a clear mandate, and the human, technical and financial resources necessary for its effective operation.

While being cognizant of forward steps made in the field of gender equality, my delegation sees the room for a further improvement.

Georgia would like to offer the following recommendations:

* To further promote gender equality and empowerment of women;
* To further strengthen efforts to protect the rights of children.
* To consider gradual ratification of remaining core international legal instruments

We wish the Delegation of Brunei Darussalam a successful UPR.