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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Costa Rica and thanks the Head of the Delegationfor the presentation of the national report.

Georgia commends Costa Rica’s legislative and institutional achievements to implement UPR recommendations of the second cycle. In particular, Georgia welcomes the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the amendment to the article 1 of the Constitution to guarantee respect for cultural diversity.

Georgia applauds Costa Rica’s high level commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goals. In this context, we appreciate the establishment of the National Policy for De Facto Equality between Women and Men 2018-2030 with its main four focuses and encourage the government to continue efforts in this direction.

We also welcome the adoption of the Labour Law Reform act and achievements of the government to ensure labour justice and combat all forms of discrimination in work places.

Georgia would like to recommend to Costa Rica:

* To continue implementing Government’s road map to protect children from forced labour or sexual exploitation;
* To take further steps to address and prevent violence against women and domestic violence.

We wish the Delegation of Costa Rica a successful UPR.