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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of the Equatorial Guinea and thanks the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate efforts of the Government of the Equatorial Guinea in order to implement the recommendations from previous UPR cycle.

Georgia welcomes the ratifications of international human rights instruments during the cycle.

We commend the Government for establishing the institution of the Ombudsman. Under the Constitution, however we note that the Office of the Ombudsman has yet to meet the international criteria related to the status of national institutions (Paris Principles).

We recommend to the Government of the Equatorial Guinea:

* Intensify its efforts to accede to the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
* Continue its efforts in order to abolish the death penalty, through the accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and maintain temporary amnesty on the application of the death penalty until ratification;
* Continue its efforts in order to establish an independent national human rights institution in full accordance with the Paris Principles.

We wish the Delegation of the Equatorial Guinea a very successful UPR.