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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran and thanks H.E. **Secretary Larijani (Secretary of High Council for Human Rights)** for the presentation of the national report.

We positively assess the amendment to the drug trafficking law that had entered into force on 14 November 2017, which replaces the death penalty or life imprisonment with a maximum prison term of 30 years for certain drug offences.

We acknowledge the fact that Iran has extended the standing invitation (2002) and we encourage the Government to engage in constructive dialogue with the UN special procedures.

We note with satisfaction that within the reporting period, the Government continued bilateral human rights and judicial cooperation with a number of countries.

With this in mind Georgia recommends to the Islamic Republic of Iran:

* To take further steps towards the substitution of mandatory death penalty with prison sentences for all drug related offences.
* To consider ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

We wish the delegation of Iran a very successful review.