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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Iraq and thanks the H.E. Minister Othmanfor the presentation of the report.

We commend the steps by Iraq to implement the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle and we positively note steps taken by the Iraqi Government with regard to improve its domestic legislation.

We also acknowledge the efforts of the Government aimed at combating terrorism.

Georgia would like torecommend to Iraq:

* To intensify efforts aimed at implementation of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by designating a Central Authority and developing necessary national measures;
* To implement its best efforts to ensure protection of the rights of the child with a particular focus on the right of child to have access to both parents and equality between parents in terms of the custody rights;
* To enhance bilateral and/or multilateral judicial cooperation in criminal matters, *inter* alia via mutual agreements on the issue of transfer of inmates by due consideration of the balance between combating transnational crime and humanitarian purposes.

We wish the Delegation of Iraq a successful UPR.