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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Armenia and thanks **H.E. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs** **Mr. Artak Apitonian,** for the presentation of the national report.

My delegations commends the Government for the steps made towards further promotion and protection of human rights, including recent signature of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on the death penalty and Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

Georgia positively evaluates recent steps taken towards gender equality and empowerment of women.

We also welcome the establishing of Coordinating Council to monitor and contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan of the National Strategy for Human Rights Protection.

With this we would like to recommend to Armenia:

* To continue steps towards ensuring the promotion and protection of women’s rights;
* To ensure participation of the civil society and international organisations in public discussions organized by the Coordinating Council;
* To intensify finalization of internal procedures necessary to ratify Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on the death penalty and Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We wish the Delegation of Armenia a very successful UPR.