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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We commend the Government of Guinea-Bissau for the efforts aimed at implementation of recommendations from the previous cycle.

We positively note the creation of the Office for Gender Equality, the appointment of a Governments focal point to liaise with UN-Women on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the adoption of the national policy and action plan on gender equality and equity.

We commend the Government for the adoption of law to prohibit and criminalize female genital mutilation (FGM) throughout the country.

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau:

* Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;
* Strengthen efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the law prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation (FGM);
* Consider establishing the National Human Rights Commission in compliance with the Paris Principles.

We wish the Delegation of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau a successful UPR.