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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Kiribati and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We commend the Republic of Kiribati for the implementation of the recommendations received during the previous UPR cycle. In particular, we positively note creation of the SAFENET Case Management Review Committee (CMRC) and Kiribati Women and Children Support Centre (KWCSC) to better address the cases of gender based violence.

We also commend the steps by the Government towards ensuring gender equality and the launch of the Gender Equality and Women Development Policy (GEWD).

We welcome the accession to human rights instruments (Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography).

Herewith, Georgia would like to recommend to the Republic of Kiribati:

* To consider reinforcement of relevant laws and regulations towards fight against human trafficking;
* To proceed with consideration of strengthening the legal framework towards elimination of violence against women;

With this in mind, we wish the delegation of the Republic of Kiribati a very successful review.