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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Lao PDR and thanks the head of delegationfor the presentation of the national report.

We positively note the continuing steps by the Lao People’s Democratic Republic towards the implementation of the international human rights treaties.

Georgia notes with appreciation the measures taken by the Government for the protection of children’s rights and the adoption of relevant National Strategy and National Plans of Action in this regard and encourages the Government to proceed with the efforts in this direction.

We welcome the Lao PDR’s aspirations and steps aimed at reducing poverty and graduating from LDC status by 2024.

With this, Georgia recommends to the Lao PDR:

* To intensify efforts to combat human trafficking especially of women and children including by enhancing the work of the National Steering Committee on Anti-Human Trafficking.
* To implement policies aimed at reducing high rates of child and maternal mortality.

We wish the Delegation of the Lao PDR a successful UPR.