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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of Lesotho and thanks the Head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We note positivly the progress made by the country towards promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and congratulate Lesotho on winning the 2016 African Gender Award as one of the continent's top performers in the advancement of economic and social rights of women. (NR p 55).

We welcome the mesures taken by the Government to combat human trafficking, in particular, development of the regulations and the National Action Plan with the aim to implement the Anti – Trafficking in Persons Act of 2011.

We also commend the Government for the ongoing campaign launched in 2017 calling to end child marriages.

Herewith, we would like to recommend Lesotho:

* To continue its efforts towards establishment of the National Human Rights Commission in compliant with the Paris Principles and to develop the Human Rights Action Plan.
* To procede with the steps to establish a National Mechanism on Reporting and Follow-up on the implementation of recommendations from the treaty monitoring bodies;
* To continue its efforts to finalize the adoption of the Law against Domestic Violence

We wish the Delegation of Lesotho a successful UPR.