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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Croatia and thanks the head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Georgia welcomes measures introduced by the Government of Croatia aimed at improving the promotion and protection of human rights within the current review cycle.

Georgia commends the government of Croatia for ratifying CoE Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), as well as the optional protocol to the convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We also welcome the adoption of a law on protection against domestic violence, adoption of National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence (2017-2022) and National Plan for Combating Human Trafficking and National Anti-discrimination Plan (2017-2022).

Herewith we recommend the Government of Croatia:

* To finalize the process of drafting of the latest National Programme for Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2019-2024) and new National Policy for Gender Equality (2020-2024);
* To continue its efforts to raise awareness of and to combat trafficking in persons.