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

We commend the Government of Malawi for its efforts made in relation to children’s rights and welcome the decision to stipulate the minimum age for marriage as 18 years.

We positively evaluate the adoption of legal and policy framework, allowing children to express their views and development of child protection district implementation plans.

We recommend to the Government of Malawi the following:

* To vigorously continue its efforts against gender-based violence.
* To intensify efforts aimed at ensuring the access to secondary education for all children.
* To accelerate internal procedures for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We wish the Delegation of Malawi a successful UPR.