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**Item 6:
Consideration of UPR reports**

GEORGIA

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Georgia's support of recommendations to strengthen the independence of the judiciary¹ and to carry out effective and independent investigations on excessive use of force by law enforcement officials in order to bring to justice those responsible (105.56).²

Amnesty International shares the concerns raised by a number of States about the independence of the judiciary and the lack of effective and independent investigations into reports of excessive use of force by law enforcement officials.³ We urge Georgia to ensure that these cases are properly investigated and those responsible brought to justice.

Mr. President,

In our input to the review we raised concerns about the situation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and forced evictions carried out in June-August 2010 and January 2011. We are concerned that large numbers of persons evicted have not yet been provided with durable housing that meets the standards of adequacy under international law.

We welcome the large number of recommendations made to Georgia during the review to address the situation of IDPs. We note those calling for implementation of the

¹ Ibid, recommendations 105.48 (Australia), 105.49 (Greece), 105.51 (Lithuania), 105.52 (Chile), 105.53 (Hungary), 106.39 (USA), and 106.40 (Switzerland).

² Ibid, recommendation 105.56 (Switzerland)

³ A/HRC/17/11, paragraphs 41 (Switzerland), 50 (USA), 51 (Slovakia), 63 (Austria), 64 (Norway), 66 (Sri Lanka), 77 (Denmark), and 97 (Australia).

recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons; ensuring that resettlement areas meet adequate living standards, in particular with regard to access to drinking water and basic sanitation; and ensuring that IDPs have access to employment, education and healthcare.⁴ We also welcome the recommendations to guarantee that evictions of displaced persons are carried out in accordance with international standards and to ensure the rights to decent housing, work, and access to health services and education are respected. (105.92).⁵ We urge Georgia to act promptly to give effect to these important recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

⁴ Ibid, recommendations 105.82 – 105.91.

⁵ Ibid, recommendations 105.92 – 105.95.