



**Statement delivered by South Africa**  
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**Review of Guyana**  
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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Guyana led by HE Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of foreign Affairs, to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

We welcome progress in the development of a national food and nutrition security strategy, development of the draft sexual and reproductive health policy and implementation of the country's poverty reduction programmes. We also congratulate Guyana on its recent accession to the CRPD.

South Africa encourages Guyana to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to pose the following recommendations:

- 1) To fully implement the Sexual Offences Amendment Act 2013; and
- 2) To strengthen efforts to ensure that People of African Descent participate and integrate in the economic, political, social and cultural spheres of Guyanese society.

We wish Guyana a very successful review during this Session.