

## 21st Session of the UPR Working Group

### Review of Guyana

#### Statement by Armenia

We welcome the positive changes in Guyana in the area of the promotion and protection of human rights. Armenia notes with appreciation the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. However, we note that Guyana has not yet ratified number of important international human rights instruments, Armenia particularly attaches high importance to the ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Armenia also notes the efforts to increase the quality of and access to education. We welcome the 2011 TACKLE education programme, serving, inter alia, as a tool to address child labour. However, we are also mindful, that Guyana faces number of challenges in the promotion of the right to education. Armenia highly values the human rights education and we would like to see the human rights promoted within the educational system of Guyana.

We therefore have 3 recommendations for Guyana

- 1) to accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- 2) to continue its efforts in addressing the challenges in the promotion of the right to education, inter alia through addressing high rates of student withdrawal from schools;
- 3) to further promote human rights education and awareness-raising programs in Guyana.