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Mr. President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Suriname to the 25th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Suriname for the establishment of a commission to implement UPR recommendations and to monitor the follow-up; efforts towards total abolition of the death penalty; and efforts towards poverty eradication. We encourage Suriname to ensure full and effective participation of members of tribal and indigenous peoples in political and public life, and in the development and approval of public standards and policies, including those directly affecting their rights.

We recommend that Suriname should:

- 1. Enact comprehensive legislation that fully guarantees the application of the principle of non-discrimination and to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights by every member of society;**
- 2. establish an independent human rights institution with a broad mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights in accordance with the principles; and**
- 3. adopt effective measures to ensure conditions of detention that respected the dignity of prisoners in particular the revised UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules);**

Finally, Mr. President, we wish Suriname success in their second review.

I thank you.