

**25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Suriname**

**Statement by Armenia**

We welcome the delegation of Suriname and thank for the presentation of the National Report.

Armenia appreciates the national strategy to combat trafficking in persons, adopted for 2014-2018, with the involvement of national stakeholders and civil society organizations. We take a positive note of the abolishment of all school tuition, which improved access to education, particularly for poor family households.

Armenia welcomes the efforts of Suriname to recognize the land rights of indigenous peoples and that the principle of free, prior and informed consent is already being implemented.

We also note that there still remain a number of core international human rights instruments to be ratified, and therefore we recommend Suriname:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
- 2) To accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

In conclusion, we wish Suriname success in its second UPR Cycle.