



**PERMANENT MISSION OF BARBADOS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AT GENEVA.**

**Statement by Barbados on the Occasion of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Republic of Suriname**  
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Thank you Chairman

On behalf of the Government of Barbados I wish to extend a very warm welcome to the delegation of Suriname.

We also wish to take this opportunity to commend Suriname for the effort which they made in producing their national report and for the presentation made today.

Barbados applauds the commitment shown by Suriname after it first review and acceptance of the recommendations in establishing a Commission to follow-up on and to implement those recommendations. We consider that this is a positive first step in establishing a meaningful human rights framework and encourage Suriname to accept the recommendation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to request the necessary technical assistance from the OHCHR in establishing an independent national human rights institution.

Barbados applauds the significant efforts made by Suriname in implementing legislation and relevant policies to ensure greater gender equality. We note the changes to the nationality laws in conferring citizenship to spouses and urge further action with regards to the conferring of citizenship to children born abroad of unmarried Surinamese women.

We also applaud the efforts made to raise awareness at the national level of the problem of domestic violence and the training of relevant groups to greater mobilize action at all levels of society.

Barbados congratulates Suriname in its ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and urges Suriname to continue the process to the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the involvement of Children in Armed Conflict.

Barbados notes positively the progress made in addressing the matter of trafficking in person and the national strategy as outlined in the Suriname Roadmap 2014-2018 and encourages Suriname to continue to collaborate with relevant UN bodies as it intensifies its efforts under its national policy of 'CHAIN Structure 2.0.'

Finally, Barbados also takes note that over two-thirds of the recommendations of Suriname's initial review were either accepted in full or gained support thereafter. We encourage Suriname to continue its efforts in moving towards the full implementation of those recommendations accepted and to the consolidation of its democratic institutions in developing a strong democratic tradition.

In concluding, Barbados takes this opportunity to wish Suriname a successful UPR.

Thank you.

HUGHLEND ALLAN