**26th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Venezuela**

**Statement by Armenia**

Armenia thanks the delegation of Venezuela for the presentation of the national report.

We have taken note that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has urged the Government of Venezuela to accept all pending visit requests from special procedures mandate-holders and hope that it will be responded positively.

We are concerned by the reports on the deterioration of the human rights situation in Venezuela and encourage Venezuela to take steps towards full implementation of its international human rights obligations.

We call on the Government of Venezuela to recommit itself to its support to the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples as enshrined in the UN Charter and 1st Articles of 2 International Covenants-ICCPR and ICESCR, which should be duly respected and protected, especially in the conduct of Venezuela's foreign policy.

We have the following recommendation for Venezuela:

1. To ratify the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity.