**37th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of St. Kitts and Nevis**

**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

***Geneva, January 19, 2021***

Thank you, Madam President,

Guyana warmly welcomes the delegation of St. Kitts and Nevis and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We applauded the progress achieved by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis in fulfilling its human rights obligations, particularly in relation to promoting and protecting the rights of women and girls and persons with disabilities. We also congratulate St. Kitts and Nevis for its proactive approach to complying with UPR recommendations, including by collaborating with OHCHR, other UN Agencies and bilateral partners to build capacity and improve human rights protection for its people.

We further note that as a Small Island Developing State, St. Kitts and Nevis is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and natural disasters. These can have detrimental socio-economic consequences and threaten to erode key gains achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We respectfully recommend that St. Kitts and Nevis continue in its efforts to safeguard against the effects of climate change and address, within the context of its Climate Change Adaption Strategy, threats posed to its ecosystems and food sources by ocean acidification and salt intrusion caused by carbon emissions and sea level rise.

I Thank You.