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

**Universal Periodic Review of Georgia**

**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

***Geneva, January 26, 2021***

Thank you, Madam President,

Guyana welcomes the Delegation of Georgia and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We commend the actions taken by Georgia to implement recommendations received during its 2nd cycle UPR and offer the following recommendations:

1. allocate the necessary human, technical and financial resources to institutions in charge of monitoring the implementation of the law on the elimination of all forms of discrimination, especially to the Office of the Public Defender;
2. ensure that all acts and activities referred to in the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography are fully covered under Georgia’s criminal law, including all forms of the sale of children; and
3. intensify efforts to combat gender-based violence, including domestic violence and femicide;

We wish Georgia a successful review.

I Thank You.