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

**Universal Periodic Review of Australia**

**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

***Geneva, January 20, 2021***

Thank you, Madam President,

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

We commend the progress achieved in the realization of human rights since Australia’s second cycle review. We applaud Australia’s efforts to address family, domestic and sexual violence; violence against persons with disabilities; online safety; human trafficking; and to reduce the disparity in economic, health and education outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend that Australia:

* develop a human rights agenda covering 5 to 10 years, in collaboration with national stakeholders and civil society; and
* consolidate existing non-discrimination provisions in a comprehensive federal law to ensure effective protection against all forms of discrimination on all the prohibited grounds.

We wish Australia a successful review.

I Thank You.