**Statement**

**Delivered by**

**the Permanent Mission of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

**Universal Periodic Review of Belgium**

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Madam President,

Guyana welcomes the Delegation of Belgium and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We applaud Belgium’s progress in implementing recommendations accepted during its 2nd cycle UPR and, in a constructive spirit, offer the following recommendations:

1. adopt a comprehensive national action plan against racism in keeping with commitments made following the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; and
2. improve the effectiveness of anti-discrimination legislation and fully implement recommendations of the Committee of Experts, the national plan on racism and the horizontal plan for equal opportunities and integration (2020–2024).

We wish Belgium a successful Review.

Thank you.