**Statement**

**Delivered by**

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

**Universal Periodic Review of Paraguay**

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Madam President,

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

Guyana commends Paraguay’s constructive engagement with the UPR mechanism and applauds positive steps taken to strengthen protection for human rights and to implement recommendations accepted during its 2nd cycle Review.

Guyana also welcomes Paraguay’s decision to implement a prison reform plan and notes the many initiatives introduced to improve detention conditions and the social reintegration of persons deprived of their liberty. We recommend that Paraguay continue to ensure that the rights of these persons are respected, and that it investigate all deaths of persons deprived of their liberty and strengthen existing mechanisms for the prevention of torture.

We wish Paraguay a successful Review!

Thank you.