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**Review of Suriname**

*(1 November 2021)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Madame President,**

Ukraine welcomes Suriname’s delegation and the country’s adherence to the Review process.

We note with appreciation positive steps made by the country in addressing human trafficking and combatting domestic violence. In this regard, we **encourage** Suriname to take further actions to provide the assistance to the victims of human trafficking, ensure that human trafficking offences are investigated promptly, thoroughly and impartially, the persons responsible are prosecuted and punished, and the victims have access to adequate protection and assistance measures, including legal assistance.

Ukraine also **recommends** to Suriname to:

- continue efforts in eliminating child, early and forced marriages as well as sexual abuse and exploitation of children, especially girls.

- eradicate child labour;

- ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure;

- establish and operationalize the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

- extend a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

We wish Suriname a successful review.

**Thank you.**