**Statement by H.E. Ambassador John Ronald Deep Ford**

**Permanent Representative of Guyana**

**Third Cycle of the UPR: Presentation of Colombia’s Report**

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Mr. Chairman,

Guyana welcomes the Colombian Delegation and congratulates them on their Report to this Third UPR Cycle.

We congratulate Colombia on the signing and implementation of the historic Final Agreement, Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace.

We commend Colombia for its National Development Plan for 2014-2018, that sets the nation’s course in human rights with a view to consolidating peace, equity and better quality education. We further commend the development of the National Strategy for Guaranteeing Human Rights 2014-2034.

We especially commend the Government for recognizing the key role played by women in the peace process and for the inclusion of a gender perspective in the design and implementation of all agreements reached.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend enhancement of cooperation at the regional and multilateral levels to address trafficking in persons.
2. We recommend strengthened efforts at addressing the situation of food insecurity particularly in the Atlantic and Pacific Region.

We wish Colombia a fruitful UPR review and success in its continuing political, social and economic development efforts.

Thank you.