**Statement by Permanent Mission of Guyana**

**Third Cycle of the UPR: Presentation of Report by Belize**

**November 12th, 2018, Palais des Nations**

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Guyana, I would like to welcome our sister CARICOM Member State, Belize to Geneva and to thank Belize for the constructive Report presented to this UPR.

We take this opportunity to commend the Government of Belize for its efforts at addressing poverty and income disparity among its citizens. We also commend the Government of Belize for the ratification of several human rights treaties and conventions since its last review.

Efforts to integrate human rights education into the national primary and secondary school’s curriculum, is an example for many of us and we congratulate Belize for being a leader in this regard.

The adoption in 2014 of the National Climate Resilience Investment Plan is a significant step in addressing and enhancing the country’s disaster risk management capabilities.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend that the measures being taken to address discrimination against women and girls be strengthened and expanded.
2. We recommend that Belize continues and increases enforcement related to the efforts to address excessive use of force by law enforcements officials.
3. We recommend the adoption of the National Health Strategic Plan 2014-2024 and recommend increased efforts to ensure access of all to adequate health care.
4. We recommend continuing and expanding the currentefforts to make birth registration more accessible and efficient.

We thank the Government of Belize for their cooperation and we wish them success in this UPR.