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**Permanent Mission of Guyana**

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

**January 22, 2019, Palais des Nations**

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Guyana, I would like to welcome the Chilean delegation to Geneva and to thank them for the constructive Report presented to this UPR.

We take this opportunity to commend the Government of Chile for its ratification of several international treaties and for the establishment of the Office of the Undersecretary for Human Rights, and more particularly, for the creation of the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Gender Equity, in the Governments efforts towards greater promotion and protection of human rights.

The Chilean Government's efforts at the establishment of a Secretariat for Indigenous Intercultural Education, which is responsible for developing the concept of interculturalism for the school system, serves as an example for countries everywhere with indigenous populations.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend continued efforts towards greater respect for the cultural norms and practices of the indigenous populations and for greater access to all aspects of social services, in particular, health and education.
2. We recommend strengthened efforts at tackling all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.
3. We also recommend continuing and increased efforts at the inclusion of women in the workforce.
4. We recommend continued efforts at tackling trafficking in persons, including those trafficked for labour exploitation.

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