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**Dominican Republic**

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Madam Vice President,

On behalf of the Government of Guyana, I welcome the delegation from the Dominican Republic to Geneva and thank them for the Report presented to this UPR.

Guyana commends the Government of the Dominican Republic for the efforts made at the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular, we take note and commend the national strategy regarding violence against women, children and HIV/AIDS and the National Development Strategy 2030. We also recognize the efforts to eliminate child labour by 2025.

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend continued efforts at addressing corruption and ensuring access to justice for all segments of society.
2. We recommend strengthened efforts at tackling all forms of violence against women and girls.
3. We recommend increased efforts at addressing all forms of discrimination, including, against migrants.
4. We recommend increased efforts at addressing excessive use of force by law enforcements officials.
5. We recommend increased efforts to address trafficking in persons.

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