**34th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of El Salvador**

**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

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Mr. President,

Guyana welcomes the El Salvador delegation and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report.

Guyana congratulates El Salvador on the progress made in improving the human rights situation in the country, especially through the introduction of legislation, improved support services and training. We also applaud the Government and people of El Salvador for the positive steps taken to tackle racial and gender discrimination and related crimes.

We recommend that the Government take further steps to address crimes against the person and particularly hate crimes and, in this latter regard, to conduct broad-based, periodic assessments of the efficiency and effectiveness of anti-discrimination policies and programmes.

As part of the Central American “Dry Corridor”, where erratic and extreme weather conditions threaten human survival, we also urge El Salvador to continue to work towards the finalization of the Regional Framework Law on the Human Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation, and to adopt effective measures to ensure access to safe drinking water for vulnerable communities and groups.

I Thank You.