**Bangladesh statement at the review of Guyana under Third Cycle of UPR**

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Thank you, Madam President.

Bangladesh warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Guyana.

We commend Guyana’s continued efforts to promote human rights and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms. In this context, we appreciate formulation of the Green State Development Strategy 2040 which aspires to promote economic, social and political rights of all people.

Setting up of four National Commissions focused on different human right issues is noteworthy. We also appreciate policies and strategies to improve the basic social services including health, education and safe drinking waters.

Bangladesh recommends Guyana to:

1. Strengthen efforts to promote education for all children including girls and children with disabilities.
2. Enhance efforts to promote gender equality and women empowerment, particularly to mainstream a gender perspective into policies and programmes, and increase women participation in leadership and decision-making positions.
3. Strengthen efforts to address drug trafficking and trafficking in persons, in particular women and girls.
4. Strengthen efforts to establish the National Human Rights Institution in line with its constitutional requirement and the Paris Principles.

We wish Guyana a successful review.

I thank you.

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