**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Madam President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Guyana to the third cycle of UPR.

Nepal welcomes the Green State Development Strategy Vision 2040 of Guyana that includes human rights-based approach for achieving people-centric sustainable development of the country.

We note the institutional arrangement and policy measures strengthened by Guyana to address the needs of Persons with Disabilities, including children with disabilities.

We welcome sustainable housing programme launched by Guyana for the low-income families.

It is encouraging to note the effective implementation of strategic HIVISION 2020 for ending the global epidemic of HIV.

We also appreciate Guyana’s policy measures for the encouragement of children education by providing free books, transportation support and school feeding programmes to ensure free education up to secondary level.

We recommend Guyana the following for their consideration:

1. Make efforts to establish national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. Consider Ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR aiming at the abolition of death penalty.
3. Continue measures to enhance gender equality in political and public life as well as combat gender-based violence and human trafficking.

We wish Guyana a successful review.

Thank you.