**36th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of Jamaica**

**Statement by**

**the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

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Guyana welcomes the delegation of Jamaica – a sister CARICOM nation, and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report.

We applaud the progress achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights, within the framework of the “*Vision 2030 Jamaic*a” National Development Plan.

We congratulate Jamaica on its comprehensive response to recommendations received during its second cycle UPR and welcome the establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights as the official national entity for reporting and follow-up with UN human rights mechanisms.

We note that the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) remains an objective of the Government and that efforts have been made to engage national stakeholders to determine the right approach for the country. We urge the Government to continue in its efforts to establish a NHRI and respectfully recommend that Jamaica continue to engage with national stakeholders and UN agencies to address outstanding treaty body reports.

We wish Jamaica a successful Review.

I Thank You!