



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor during the 3<sup>rd</sup>UPR  
Review of Suriname**

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**Madam President,**

We thank Suriname for presentation of its 3<sup>rd</sup> UPR report.

We commend Suriname's cooperation with human rights mechanisms and acknowledge its efforts to promote respect for and enjoyment of human rights.

We take note of Suriname's commitment to operationalize National Human Rights Commission and appreciate steps to advance the national human rights agenda including establishment of Constitutional Court, integrating human rights education and training as well as combating domestic violence and promoting women empowerment.

We wish Suriname success in the implementation of Development Plan and strengthening social protection, eradication of poverty, promotion of people's wellbeing and ensuring access to basic services.

We recommend Suriname to:

- a) Take steps to operationalize National Human Rights Institutions.
- b) Continue taking steps to mitigate COVID induced socio-economic impacts and implement National Social Security System.

I thank you.