

**DRAFT STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
DURING THE REVIEW OF CUBA AT THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF  
THE WORKING GROUP OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

**1 MAY 2013**

**PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA**

---

Thank you Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Cuba led by H.E. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for his presentation.

We note that Cuba has conducted broad and inclusive consultations involving all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its national report for this second cycle.

Brunei Darussalam commends Cuba's efforts to advance the lives of its people through ensuring their right to education. We congratulate Cuba for achieving its high level of educational development as indicated in the 2011 UNESCO Education for All Global Monitoring Report and its ongoing efforts to achieve an even higher level of education. Brunei Darussalam is encouraged to note that education is offered for pre-school children through a community-based social programme, tapping into potential families to stimulate the development of their children.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes Cuba's commitment to promote the rights of its people, particularly the elderly community. We recommend Cuba to continue attaching its priority towards care for the elderly in order to ensure the quality of life of this group of the population.

**Finally, Brunei Darussalam recognizes Cuba's continued commitment in fulfilling its human rights obligations and is optimistic that its continuous efforts will bring about further positive outcome.**

**Thank you.**

*Amb,*