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**Statement by the delegation of Cambodia at 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR WG of HRC for Cuba  
(Wednesday, 1 May 2013)**

Mr. President,

Minister for Foreign Affairs,

- 1- First of all, Cambodia warmly welcomes and thanks the delegation of Cuba led H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla for presenting the comprehensive National Report of Cuba at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR WG of HRC.
- 2- Cambodia takes note with appreciation of the notable progress the country made on the protection and promotion of human rights since the first UPR Cycle. We congratulate Cuba for achieving most of the MDGs targets, along with the advance of some important areas such as an established comprehensive welfare that ensure, among others, the rights to food, to health and education.
- 3- We welcome Cuba for ratifying a number of international instruments, (especially the ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption in 2008) which demonstrate Cuba's commitment to the international systems for the protection of human rights.
- 4- We believe that Cuba could do more to address other challenges and therefore we would like to recommend the country as follows:
  - To further ensure the enjoyment of human rights in particular in the areas of economic, social and cultural rights and the rights to development, with the purpose of attaining the remaining targets of the MDGs.
  - To continue the practice of implementing the national programs aimed at further advancing the improved social welfare of the population, in particular the vulnerable ones.

Thank you Mr. President,