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Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the UPR of Cuba

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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. , Minster of Foreign Affairs, and thanks for the excellent presentation of a detailed and informative report.

We commend the importance and priority attached by Cuban government to the enjoyment by all people of their human rights. As a result, considerable success was made as we all witness in reality now.

We also commend the contributions made by Cuba with a view to removing politicization and establishing objectivity and impartiality in the international human rights mechanisms.

The achievements made by Cuba are more valuable and significant as these have been made under extremely difficult circumstances due to economic blockade imposed by the U.S. for several decades.

We encourage the government of Cuba to continue with these positive efforts and in this regard recommend the following;

1) to continue to promote dialogue with all States, on the basis of mutual respect, sovereign equality, self determination and the right to choose their own political, economic and social system

2) to maintain systematic and fluid relationships with the ICRC

3) to promote the development of third generation rights, in particular the value of international solidarity.

4) to promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among peoples of the world

5) to continue to support the UPR as mechanism for respectful dialogue and exchange.

6) to continue to defend the cooperative approach, non-politicization and respectful dialogue in the field of human rights.

Thank you.