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Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba led by H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Minister of foreign Affairs.

Ethiopia welcomes Cuba's active engagement in the Human Rights Council. We commend Cuba for its comprehensive and informative report.

We are encouraged by Cuba's significant efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights consistent with the obligations of the country under international human rights instruments.

We commend Cuba for overcoming daunting challenges and pursuing in the successful development plans of the country.

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend to the delegation of Cuba;

1. To continue strengthening the democratic character of its institutions, laws, policies and programs that maintain their clear popular and participatory nature;
2. To continue to enhance the interests of the people of Cuba and overcome any undue process.

Finally, we wish the delegation of Cuba success and fruitful dialogue.

Thank you