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Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank Cuba for the national report and its presentation today. We commend the Government's commitment to the UPR as well as to discussing human rights through other existing mechanisms.

Referring to Cuba's signing of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Finland would like to hear about the measures Cuba is taking to amend its national legislation accordingly.

**Finland recommends that Cuba**

1. Ratify and implement ICCPR and ICESCR without reservations or delay.
2. Take all necessary measures to facilitate the visits requested by UN Special procedures without further delay.

Thank you.