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**UPR WORKING GROUP –SIXTEENTH SESSION  
(22 April - 3 May 2013)**

**UPR OF CUBA– INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE  
1 May 2013: 1430 – 1800 HRS.**

**INTERVENTION BY INDIA**

President,

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba led by Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla and recommends the following: That Cuba:

(i) Continues its policy of respect and tolerance of all religions without discrimination in particular the right to choose one's own convictions.

(ii) Promotes greater and effective use of radio, television, cinema and other social media to promote the rights of children,

(iii) Address the negative impacts of unilateral economic measures, as well as the numerous catastrophic consequences caused by natural phenomena that affect the country

(iv) Expand and share with other countries the experiences in research on vaccines against diseases affecting the world population, especially in developing countries.

2. We commend Cuba for ending in January 2013 the exit permit requirements for its citizens.

3. We wish the Cuban delegation well in its future endeavours.

Thank you, President.

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