

**Statement of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Before the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Universal Periodic Review  
On review of Cuba  
Geneva, 1 May 2013**

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to praise Cuba for its real commitment to human rights and engage constructively in the second cycle of UPR as well as the first.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make 6 recommendations to Cuba for its consideration:

1. To denounce confrontation and double standards in the work of the HRC.
2. To strengthen the legal and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights and to continue expanding the social justice.
3. To promote and protect all human rights for all.
4. To continue to improve the Cuban political system, upholding the values of the Cuban society and the national unity, and promoting the strengthening of its democracy.
5. To continue to expand popular participation in electoral and decisions making processes.
6. To consolidate access to information and culture for all people.

**Thank you**