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Oral Intervention by Ireland

Thank you Mr. President

Ireland thanks the delegation of Cuba for the presentation of its national report. We recognise good progress reported in a number of areas, including rights of the child, the right to health and the right to education

Ireland notes concerns raised by UN treaty bodies regarding preventive security measures, protracted pre-trial detention, arbitrary detention, and indefinite detention of persons.

Ireland **recommends** that Cuba adopt the measures necessary to guarantee the right of any person deprived of liberty to have access to an immediate remedy to challenge the legality of that detention.

Ireland also takes note of concerns expressed by the Committee against Torture regarding the use of administrative detention on the basis of vague, subjective and imprecise criminal concepts such as pre-criminal social dangerousness. Ireland **recommends** that Cuba repeal legislation relating to so-called “pre-criminal social dangerousness”, as provided for in Articles 72, 73 and 74 of the Cuban Penal Code.