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**UPR – Cuba
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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of the Cuban delegation.

Italy appreciates the progresses achieved by Cuba in protecting the most vulnerable sectors of the society. We encourage Cuba to continue reforming the economic system, while maintaining an effective Welfare State.

Italy **recommends** Cuba to:

- maintain the moratorium on executions and consider moving towards abolition of death penalty;
- enhance the protection of freedoms of expression and thought, including dissenting political opinions, and ensure free access to information for all, inter alia through the Internet;
- promote the fair justice principles consistent with international standards, especially by reviewing the legislation and implementation of pre-trial detention;
- promptly ratify ICCPR and ICESCR;

I thank you, Mr. President