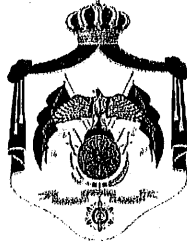


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Mr. President,

Jordan would like to welcome Mr. H.E. Bruno ^{Pavriilla.} and the Cuban delegation to the Sixteenth session of the UPR, and to thank them for the interesting presentation of the national report.

Jordan wishes to commend Cuba for its sincere and ongoing efforts to further promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. We are particularly encouraged by the ratification of a number of international human rights conventions such as the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances.

In addition, Cuba efforts to strengthen the institutional framework are highly appreciated. These efforts included the completion of the National Plan of Action for Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, Jordan highly commends Cuba in spearheading the international efforts aiming to advance the right to food as well as to address the international food crisis.

Finally, we wish to make the following recommendations to Cuba:-

1. To continue strengthening its economic and social development.
2. To continue ensuring free and universal access to public health..

I thank you