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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan  
at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Cuba**

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**Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan welcomes H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ and delegation of Cuba. The National Report of Cuba indicates the real difficulties faced by the country in ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights as well as provides specific actions to address these difficulties.

The delegation of Kazakhstan notes with satisfaction the active steps towards securing the access to education and religious services for prisoners.

As the positive sign of implementing its international obligations we note the systematically provided information requested by the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Our delegation calls on Cuba to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, we recommend:

1. To further strengthen protection to ensure the non dismissal of workers diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
2. To ratify the core international human rights protection documents.
3. To harmonize a child protection legislation to international standards.
4. To take appropriate measures to establish a mechanism for monitoring detention places.

**Thank you!**