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Mr. President,

Kenya welcomes the delegation of Cuba and thanks them for the detailed presentation of their Report.

The Government of Cuba has continued to make remarkable strides in the improvement of human rights. We note that most of the recommendations from the last UPR cycle have been implemented. Other notable achievements include the provision of universal primary education; the provision of free and universal access to public health; the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; and the implementation of successful strategies in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women.

As an active member of the United Nations, Cuba continues to make immense contribution to the universal promotion of human rights and has engaged actively to improve the work of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms.

We commend Cuba for these ^{efforts} ~~achievements~~ and encourage her to continue ^{with} ~~these efforts~~.

I thank you.