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**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
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Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the Cuban delegation and recommends the following:

1) To maintain its policy of respect and tolerance of all religions without discrimination, in particular the right to choose one's own convictions and not to profess any religion of any sort.

2) To ensure the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, with the purpose of attaining the Millennium Development Goals.

3) To protect and promote cultural rights in order to ensure access for all Cubans to cultural values in all its manifestations.

Mr. President,

My delegation wishes success to the Cuban authorities in the promotion and protection of human rights!

I thank you!