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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

Review of Cuba

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Mr. President

The Lesotho delegation warmly welcomes the presence of Honourable.....and his delegation to the 16th session of Working Group on the Universal Period Review. Lesotho appreciates the inclusive process undertaken by the Government of Cuba in preparation of its national report with the active involvement of civil society.

Lesotho also welcomes the measures taken by the Government of Cuba in the field of human rights, in particular the continuing efforts towards the protection of the rights of special groups of people, such as people living with disabilities, women and children.

Mr. President,

While noting the acknowledgement by the Government of Cuba of the challenges that they face in the promotion and protection of human rights, Lesotho would like to make the following recommendation:

- Lesotho recommends that Cuba continues to work on raising the training of human resources and teachers to facilitate access to education for pupils with special education needs;
- To continue encouraging the training of athletes with disabilities and to further promote their participation in international sporting events.

I thank you