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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cuba and thanks the delegation for the preparation and presentation of its report. My delegation appreciates Cuba's demonstrated commitment to the UPR process.

Mister President, the Philippines commends Cuba for its active engagement in the international human right forum and welcomes its leadership in various human rights concerns.

The Philippines have carefully read Cuba's national report. We urge Cuba to consider the following recommendations:

1. Continue its efforts in human rights education;
2. Continue to develop policies aimed at improving information infrastructure for the benefit of the Cuban society; and
3. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.

Thank you, Mister President.