

**UPR of Cuba**  
**Statement by the Republic of Poland**  
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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Cuba for their participation in the UPR process and informative presentation of the national report today.

Poland is seriously concerned with the reported violations of fundamental rights of human rights defenders and all those who – exercising their basic freedoms of expression, assembly and association – were or still are harassed, arrested or condemned to prison by the Cuban authorities. Therefore, we would like to recommend, that Cuba

- **liberate immediately and unconditionally all the prisoners held in temporary detention or sentenced in connection with exercising their freedom of opinion and expression, as well as freedom of assembly and association,**
- **ensure that all living in Cuba can fully enjoy their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.**

Poland is also concerned with the insufficient human rights infrastructure in Cuba. We reiterate the recommendations by CAT, CERD and CRC, that Cuba establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles. Moreover, given the fact, that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights constitute the core of the international human rights obligations, we would like to recommend, that Cuba

- **ratify the ICESCR and ICCPR as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your attention.