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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION AT THE PRESENTATION OF CUBA'S
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President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba and his Delegation to Geneva and would like to thank him for his comprehensive statement. The report has indeed highlighted significant progress made in addressing basic human rights in Cuba since their first UPR report. While there remain however, certain improvements that are yet to be implemented, including challenges faced by the country in the area of human rights, the government and people of Cuba must be commended for the significant progress and achievements made thus far.

In this regard we would encourage the government and other stakeholders in Cuba to collaborate closely in the area of human rights and to continue their ongoing commitment towards progressing and sustaining human rights issues for all Cubans.

Thank you