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**SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION DURING THE 16th
SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW**

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes Cuba to the UPR working group and presents the following recommendations for the consideration of the delegation:

- To continue the existing strengthening of the legal and institutional framework to combat racial discrimination and prejudice;
- To strengthen publicity and awareness campaigns aimed at increasing knowledge among the population about the rights of LGBT people;
- To continue developing its policies to ensure the best quality in the sphere of education, and
- To continue its efforts to ensure full equality for all its citizens

Finally Mr President,

South Africa commends the efforts of the Cuban government to expand the promotion and protection of human rights for all its citizens and its continued commitment to the United Nations human rights system.

I thank you.