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We welcome the delegation of Cuba and thank them for their comprehensive report which reflects the continued progress in the country..

In this context, we commend the creation of more travel opportunities for Cubans and the steps expanding ownership rights as well as encouraging individual entrepreneurship.

We are confident that the Cuban Government will continue to further improve the living standards of Cubans.

We would like to make the following friendly recommendations.

- To continue promoting gender perspective.
- To continue to implement measures to eliminate gender stereotypes in the national idiosyncrasy.
- To keep raising the quality of public health in the country, as a permanent priority.
- To redouble all efforts to preserve the progresses achieved in a number of areas such as culture, education, health and the fight against social inequality.

Thank you.