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**Statement by Turkmenistan during the review of Cuba's UPR**

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Thank you Mister President,

First of all we would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Cuba to this session of the UPR Working Group and thank H.E. Mr Bruno Rodriguez Parella for presenting a comprehensive update on the efforts undertaken by the Government of Cuba to improve the human rights situation on the ground.

We note with appreciation the adoption by the National Assembly of the People's Power of the Economic and Social Policy Outline, aimed at guaranteeing the progress and development of Cuban society, its sustainable development, raising the quality of life of the Cuban people and progressing towards an increasingly just, free, independent and equitable society of solidarity, along with defending the country's independence and sovereignty.

We are pleased to note that Cuba has for the most part met targets established by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), namely eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve of universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce under-five child mortality.

Mister President

To further accelerate the progress in areas of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to propose the following recommendations:

- I. To promote new actions and initiatives to continue progressing in its efforts to achieve the widest possible enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.
- II. To keep the direct fight against corruption as a means of ensuring the legality and trust in government and judicial institutions.
- III. To further intensify the training of state authorities and the public in general regarding international human rights standards.
- IV. To increase the quality in the social use and access to information and communication technologies.

Thank you Mister President.