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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

*Geneva, 15 November 2023*

Mr. Vice-President,

We welcome the Delegation of Cuba and thanks the delegation for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan appreciates the commitment of Cuba to the UPR process and the efforts to further protect human rights.

We praise the practical steps in many fields, including the right to equality and non-discrimination, education, combatting human trafficking, rights of specific persons and groups, including persons with disabilities, older persons, women and children’s rights.

We recommend Cuba:

1. Continue making the necessary efforts to protect the rights of workers, including those in the private sector.
2. Continue protecting and guaranteeing economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development.
3. Strengthen programs to benefit the elderly, in particular the national program of comprehensive care for the elderly.

In conclusion, Azerbaijan wishes Cuba a very successful review.

Thank you.