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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutan thanks the delegation for the updates.

We welcome the adoption of the new Constitution in 2019 and the enactment of many legislations (118 superior laws from 2019 till December 2022).

We note with appreciation the comprehensive reform of the criminal justice system and adoption of policies such as the National Programme against Racism and Racial Discrimination, the National Programme for the Advancement of Women, and many other measures to promote and protect human rights, despite the challenges faced by the country.

We commend the commitment by Cuba to the universal provision of primary health care and free universal education.

While noting the concerted efforts by the Government, we recommend the following:

1. Continue to strengthen the training of public officials on human rights to ensure effective implementation of the adopted laws and policies.
2. Continue to strengthen the education system through allocation of additional resources, in particular rural areas.

We wish Cuba a successful UPR.

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