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**Statement**

**by**

**the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of Cuba**

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***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of **Cuba** to the 44th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for its comprehensive national report and the oral update today.

Ethiopia commends **Cuba** for implementing the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles.

Ethiopia welcomes concrete measures taken by the Government of **Cuba** to strengthen its cooperation with UN human rights system, different mandate holders and treaty bodies, and to strengthen its national human rights institutions.

**In a sprite of constructive engagement and dialogue**, Ethiopia recommends to **Cuba:**

1. to continue efforts to guarantee the exercise of civil and political rights, in accordance with national legislations and international instruments to which Cuba is a party,
2. to continue providing solidarity aid to other countries affected by disasters, as well as sharing experiences and knowledge in this area.

Finally, Ethiopia wishes success to the delegation of **Cuba** in its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

 ***I thank you.***