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**44 Session of the UPR working group**

**Recommendations by Finland to Cuba**

**15th November 2023**

Mr. President,

Finland welcomes the engagement of Cuba in the UPR.

In line with our previous recommendations, we recommend the following:

First, ratify, without delay, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

Second, draft and implement a comprehensive law against gender-based violence, and ensure the effective exercise of civil and political rights of women.

Third, repeal laws that restrict freedom of expression and association, and bring the legal framework in line with international standards.

Finland wishes Cuba a successful UPR review.

Thank you.