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Thank you Madam Vice President,

1. India warmly welcomes the delegation of Cuba and thanks for its presentation.

2. India appreciates the commendable work done by Cuba for adopting the National Programmes against Racism and Racial Discrimination; and Advancement of Women; and the Comprehensive Strategy on Prevention and Support in relation to Gender-based and Family Violence (2021). We welcome the adoption of the New Constitution of the Republic of Cuba in 2019, which was made through a referendum; and includes several provisions related to human rights thereby strengthening legal and institutional mechanisms.

3. India appreciates Cuba for the enactment of legislations on food and nutritional security; and Family Code, 2022, to protect rights of women, child, people with disabilities and other groups; and in the spirit of constructive engagement recommends Cuba to effectively implement these legislations.

4. We wish the delegation of Cuba all success.

I thank you.