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**Madam Vice-President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Republic of Cuba to the fourth cycle of UPR.

We congratulate Cuba on the promulgation of new Constitution in 2019.

The adoption of National Programme against Racism and Racial Discrimination is commendable.

We take positive note of the creation of national commission to follow up and monitor the implementation of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

In the spirit of cooperation, we recommend the followings:

1. Continue efforts towards strengthening ombudsman’s office in line with the Paris Principles.
2. Repeal the legal provisions that prohibit persons with intellectual and psychological disabilities from marrying and founding a family.

We wish Cuba a successful review.

I thank you Madam.