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Review of Cuba

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The Republic of Serbia welcomes the delegation of Cuba at the UPR’s Session and thanks it for presenting its National Report.

Serbia commends the efforts Cuba has invested in responding to the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle, as well as its improvement in cooperation with the United Nations human rights mechanisms. We welcome the comprehensive legislative reform that has taken place in Cuba, including the promulgation of the new Constitution, strengthening the legal and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. We also welcome the adoption of the National Programme for the Advancement of Women as well as the Comprehensive Strategy on Prevention and Support in relation to Gender-based and Family Violence, reflecting Cuba’s commitment to women’s rights and gender equality.

We recommend Cuba to continue its efforts towards strengthening the legal framework to ensure women’s rights and gender equality. We encourage Cuba to consider the establishment of a national human rights institution to further support the progress achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Serbia wishes Cuba a successful and fruitful review process.