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**UPR44 – CUBA**

**Statement by Slovakia**

15 November 2023

Mr. President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Cuba to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We **commend** Cuba for adoption of legislation, especially the 2022 Act which allows same-sex marriage and the discussion between Cuban authorities and church leaders on the possibility of same-sex couples adopting children.

We call on Cuban authorities to **release all imprisoned representatives of civil society and opposition** parties and ensure them fair and due trials.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to Cuba for further consideration:

1. ratify **ICCPR**, **ICESCR**, **OP CAT** and the **Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child** on a Communications Procedure,
2. ensure the necessary **medical care for imprisoned political opponents**.

We wish Cuba a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.