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**UPR 30 – Cuba**

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**Delivered by Mr. Massimo Baldassarre, First Secretary**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the delegation of Cuba and we appreciate efforts Cuba has made since last UPR cycle, especially in preventing and combating human trafficking.

In a constructive spirit, Italy seizes this occasion to present the following recommendations:

* *Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;*
* *Maintain the moratorium on executions and consider moving towards abolition of death penalty;*
* *Take concrete measures to promote the fair justice principles consistent with international standards, especially by reviewing the legislation and implementation of pretrial detention;*
* *Guarantee freedom of opinion and expression, online and offline, including dissenting political opinions, and safeguard the activity of human rights defenders and journalists.*

We wish Cuba a successful review.

I thank you.