**UPR 30, May 16, 2018.**

**Recommendations by Canada for Cuba’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada recognizes Cuba’s increased World Wide Web access with establishment of over 600 public Wi-Fi hotspots and urges continued development, without usage controls.

Canada recommends that Cuba:

1. Improve transparency and due process in the justice system by ensuring that individuals arrested are promptly informed of the reasons of arrest, have access to legal representation of their own choosing, and public hearings within a reasonable timeframe where they are presumed innocent.
2. Adopt legislation providing legal status for non-governmental organizations and independent journalists.
3. Immediately eliminate harassment and intimidation of activists, including arbitrary short-term and pre-trial detentions and house arrest.

Canada has noted Cuba’s 2008 signature of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and we continue to urge Cuba to ratify and implement both agreements.