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**30thsession of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Cuba**

**Statement by Pakistan**

**(16 May 2018)**

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Cuba and thanks the head of delegation for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

We note with appreciation the remarkable progress made by Cuba in protecting women’s rights and promoting gender equality. It is promising to note that in terms of female representatives in the parliament, Cuba is fourth worldwide and occupies second place in the Western Hemisphere.

My delegation recommends the Government of Cuba to:

1. Continue to strengthen the special education system and its institutions throughout the country to ensure quality education for children, adolescents and youth with disabilities
2. Continue adopting measures to further increase the participation of young people in the most important decision making processes in the country
3. Strengthen the juvenile justice system for the treatment of children and adolescents *who are in conflict with the law*

We wish the Government of Cuba a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.