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**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Cuba**

*Delivered by H.E. Ms. Veronika Bard*

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Mr. President,

Sweden welcomes the delegation of Cuba and thanks for the report and the presentation.

Sweden would like to recommend the Government of Cuba to:

1. **Ratify the ICCPR and the ICESCR without restrictions,**
2. **Issue a standing invitation to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, including all Special Rapporteurs,**
3. **Review legal provisions that restrict the rights of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, and bring them in line with Cuba’s international human rights obligations,**
4. **Bring its electoral legislation in line with international law and standards.**

I thank you Mr. President