**Statement by Lithuania at UPR WG on Cuba**

**Geneva, 16 May 2018**

Lithuania remains concerned about Cuba's human rights record and urges Cuba to intensify the efforts toward significantly improving it.

We recommend:

1.        Enable and promote the work of civil society by discontinuing restrictive laws and practices;

2.        End arbitrary detention and harassment of human rights defenders, as well as media workers;

3.        Enable independent human rights monitoring at all detention sites;

4.        Guarantee freedom of peaceful assembly and association for all citizens in accordance with international standards;

5.        Ratify the ICCPR and its Second Optional Protocol.