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Mr. President,

China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) fully supports the UPR process and regards it as an effective and efficient way to improve the human rights situation around the whole world. It stipulates that every country, no matter big or small, rich or poor, strong or weak, shall all fulfill their human rights obligations and commitments under the periodic review of the human rights council, which signifies the universality of human rights review.

We notice that the Cuban government has designed its own economic, political and social model that suits the history and characteristics of the country. Under these conditions it has developed a national program of social justice and equality for all human beings, which has given the Cuban people the full exercise of all their rights.

We commend the tireless efforts by the Cuban government to improve the living standards and promote human rights of its people, especially in terms of protecting the right to life and development, and providing free health service and education, social security, and social justice. We know that Cuba has adopted a series of international human rights instruments. We appreciate its active participation in international cooperation in human rights, having provided other developing countries with medical and educational assistance.

We welcome the positive attitude of Cuban government towards the UPR as well its cooperation with the Human Rights Council in an open and responsible manner, presenting its national report which is conducted in an objective and non-selective manner, and listening carefully to relevant recommendations by other states and civil societies.

We recommend the Cuban government to take more concrete and feasible measures for the full implementation of its obligations and commitments made in its national report for human rights protection and promotion of its people, and continue to actively participate in international cooperation in human rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.