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Mr. President,

The China Society for Human Rights Studies supports for the UPR process and regards it as an effective way to improve the human rights situation on the ground in the country under review, and to fulfill the State's human rights obligations and commitments.

We commend the priority given by Cuba to human rights and the significant achievements in economic, political and social changes, especially in the field of education, health and food despite the unjust blockade and harsh external environment.

We welcome the recommendations made by several states regarding sharing its experience and good practices with regard to the protection of right to health in Cuba, particularly on programmes to control epidemics and to support to health services throughout the world by training of human resources.

We noted in the national report of Cuba that every Cuban is assured access to quality health services that are free of charge. The National Health System is totally State-funded. Cuba has health indicators similar to those in developed countries and is moving towards preventive examinations of the entire population for the early diagnosis of diseases.

We encourage the Cuban government to share with all United Nations members, particularly with developing countries the experience in the promotion and protection of the right to health of millions of people around the world, in particular the primary, maternal and child care programs as well as HIV/AIDS control programs.

We recommend that Cuba continue to participate in international cooperation in human rights, and provided other developing countries with medical and educational assistance.

Thank you, Mr. President.