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Cuba

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. The Mission would like to draw attention to the fact that of the 361 recommendations received, 6 have been divided into several parts, namely:
 - Recommendation 44.64. The first part is supported and the second part was taken under advisement.
 - Recommendation 44.94. The first part is supported and the other is not.
 - Recommendation 44.139. The first and third parts are supported, the second part is not.
 - Recommendation 44.172. The first part is supported and the other is not.
 - Recommendation 44.292. The second part is supported and the first part was taken under advisement.
 - Recommendation 44.295. The first and third parts are supported and the second part was taken under advisement.
2. The Mission wishes to make clear that these recommendations have been counted only once so as not to alter the final number of recommendations received, even though they were divided up for the purposes of conveying the State's position.
3. Cuba has thus accepted 292 recommendations (81 per cent), taken 41 recommendations (11.3 per cent) under advisement and rejected 28 recommendations (7.7 per cent).

Position of Cuba on the recommendations received in its fourth universal periodic review

4. Cuba engaged in the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review in a constructive manner. It reiterated its unconditional support for the universal periodic review mechanism as the appropriate way to advance the effective promotion and protection of all human rights for all.
5. Cuba took note of the comments of the delegations that participated in the discussion and stated that it would examine the 361 recommendations that it had received during the meeting of 15 November 2023 with a view to their subsequent assessment.
6. In the ensuing months, the Government of Cuba studied the recommendations. It held broad-ranging consultations with relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, in order to settle on a position.
7. In this document, Cuba accepts almost all the recommendations, either because it agrees with their intent and is determined to put them into practice or because it is already implementing them.
8. It has taken under advisement a group of recommendations whose implementation it cannot, for the time being, guarantee.
9. Only 28 recommendations do not have the support of Cuba because they are incompatible with its constitutional principles and internal legal order and because their content conflicts with the spirit of cooperation and respect that should govern the universal periodic review.
10. Lastly, Cuba reiterates its commitment to continue cooperating with the United Nations human rights machinery, especially the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review mechanism.
11. The Government of Cuba undertakes to pursue its efforts to maintain a frank, reciprocal and genuine dialogue regarding human rights issues based on respect for the dignity and sovereignty of all States and peoples.
12. The position of the Government of Cuba on the recommendations made during the universal periodic review is as follows:

Recommendations supported by the Government of Cuba (292)

13. 44.1; 44.7; 44.13; 44.15; 44.16; 44.18; 44.20; 44.22; 44.24; 44.28; 44.30; 44.31; 44.32; 44.33; 44.35; 44.36; 44.37; 44.38; 44.39; 44.40; 44.41; 44.42; 44.43; 44.44; 44.45; 44.46; 44.47; 44.48; 44.49; 44.50; 44.51; 44.52; 44.53; 44.60; 44.61; 44.62; 44.63; first part of recommendation 44.64; 44.65; 44.66; 44.67; 44.68; 44.69; 44.70; 44.71; 44.72; 44.73; 44.74; 44.75; 44.76; 44.77; 44.78; 44.79; 44.87; 44.89; 44.91; first part of recommendation 44.94; 44.97; 44.98; 44.100; 44.103; 44.104; 44.105; 44.106; 44.107; 44.108; 44.109; 44.110; 44.111; 44.113; 44.114; 44.115; 44.116; 44.117; 44.118; 44.120; 44.122; 44.123; 44.125; 44.128; 44.129; 44.130; 44.131; 44.132; 44.133; 44.134; 44.135; 44.136; 44.137; 44.138; first and third parts of recommendation 44.139; 44.140; 44.143; 44.144; 44.145; 44.146; 44.147; 44.150; 44.151; 44.154; 44.157; 44.161; 44.162; 44.163; 44.164; 44.167; 44.168; 44.170; 44.171; first part of recommendation 44.172; 44.173; 44.174; 44.177; 44.179; 44.180; 44.181; 44.182; 44.183; 44.184; 44.185; 44.186; 44.187; 44.188; 44.189; 44.190; 44.191; 44.192; 44.193; 44.194; 44.195; 44.196; 44.197; 44.199; 44.201; 44.202; 44.203; 44.204; 44.205; 44.206; 44.207; 44.208; 44.209; 44.210; 44.211; 44.212; 44.213; 44.214; 44.215; 44.216; 44.217; 44.218; 44.219; 44.220; 44.222; 44.223; 44.224; 44.225; 44.226; 44.227; 44.228; 44.229; 44.230; 44.231; 44.232; 44.233; 44.234; 44.235; 44.236; 44.237; 44.238; 44.239; 44.240; 44.241; 44.242; 44.243; 44.244; 44.245; 44.246; 44.247; 44.248; 44.249; 44.250; 44.251; 44.252; 44.253; 44.254; 44.255; 44.256; 44.257; 44.258; 44.259; 44.260; 44.261; 44.262; 44.263; 44.264; 44.265; 44.266; 44.267; 44.268; 44.269; 44.270; 44.271; 44.272; 44.273; 44.274; 44.275; 44.276; 44.277; 44.278; 44.279; 44.280; 44.281; 44.282; 44.283; 44.284; 44.285; 44.286; 44.287; 44.288; 44.289; 44.290; 44.291; second part of recommendation 44.292; 44.293; 44.294; first and third parts of recommendation 44.295; 44.296; 44.297; 44.298; 44.299; 44.300; 44.301; 44.302; 44.303; 44.305; 44.306; 44.307; 44.308; 44.309; 44.310; 44.311; 44.312; 44.313; 44.314; 44.315; 44.316; 44.317; 44.318; 44.319; 44.320; 44.321; 44.322; 44.323; 44.324; 44.325; 44.326; 44.327; 44.328; 44.329; 44.330; 44.331; 44.332; 44.333; 44.334; 44.335; 44.336; 44.337; 44.338; 44.339; 44.340; 44.341; 44.342; 44.343; 44.344; 44.345; 44.346; 44.347; 44.348; 44.349; 44.350; 44.351; 44.352; 44.353; 44.354; 44.355; 44.356; 44.357; 44.358; 44.359; 44.360; 44.361.

Recommendations that the Government of Cuba has taken under advisement (41)

14. 44.2; 44.3; 44.4; 44.5; 44.6; 44.8; 44.9; 44.10; 44.11; 44.12; 44.14; 44.17; 44.19; 44.21; 44.23; 44.25; 44.26; 44.27; 44.29; 44.34; 44.54; 44.55; 44.56; 44.57; 44.58; 44.59; second part of recommendation 44.64; 44.80; 44.81; 44.82; 44.83; 44.84; 44.85; 44.86; 44.88; 44.90; 44.121; 44.124; 44.142; 44.158; 44.165; first part of recommendation 44.292; second part of recommendation 44.295; 44.304.

15. Cuba has taken note of these recommendations. Cuba has addressed, is currently addressing or has plans to address many of the issues raised. It is not yet possible to ensure compliance with some of the recommendations because of the way that they are worded. They will continue to be analysed in accordance with Cuban law, the country's institutional processes and the principles governing the political system chosen by the sovereign will of the Cuban people.

Recommendations that the Government of Cuba does not support (28)

16. 44.92; 44.93; second part of recommendation 44.94; 44.95; 44.96; 44.99; 44.101; 44.102; 44.112; 44.119; 44.126; 44.127; second part of recommendation 44.139; 44.141; 44.148; 44.149; 44.152; 44.153; 44.155; 44.156; 44.159; 44.160; 44.166; 44.169; second part of recommendation 44.172; 44.175; 44.176; 44.178; 44.198; 44.200; 44.221.

17. This small group of recommendations does not have the support of the Government of Cuba because they are politically biased and based on false premises put forward in an attempt to discredit Cuba by those who harbour hegemonic ambitions and refuse to accept the diversity and right to self-determination of the Cuban people. These recommendations are at odds with the spirit of cooperation and respect required by the universal periodic review.
