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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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## **The position of Cuba on the recommendations received in its third universal periodic review**

1. Cuba participated constructively in the third cycle of the universal periodic review. 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.
2. Cuba took note of all the comments made by the delegations that participated in the discussion and stated that it would consider the 339 recommendations received during the review, on 16 May 2018, for subsequent assessment.
3. During the following months, the Government of Cuba considered the recommendations. Before taking a position on them, it held broad consultations with relevant stakeholders.
4. In the present document, Cuba expresses its acceptance of the vast majority of the recommendations, either because it agrees with their intent and is determined to put them into practice or because they are already being implemented. It has taken note of a group of recommendations whose implementation it cannot, for the time being, guarantee. Only 30 recommendations do not have the support of Cuba because they are incompatible with its constitutional principles and domestic legal order and because their content conflicts with the spirit of cooperation and respect that should govern the universal periodic review.
5. Lastly, Cuba wishes to reiterate its commitment to continue cooperating with the human rights machinery of the United Nations system, especially the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review mechanism. The Government of Cuba undertakes to continue its efforts to maintain a frank, reciprocal and genuine dialogue on human rights issues on the basis of respect for the dignity and sovereignty of all States and peoples.
6. 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 (226)**

7. 24.41; 24.46; 24.47; 24.48; 24.49; 24.50; 24.51; 24.52; 24.53; 24.54; 24.55; 24.56; 24.57; 24.58; 24.60; 24.61; 24.62; 24.63; 24.64; 24.65; 24.66; 24.74; 24.75; 24.76; 24.77; 24.78; 24.79; 24.80; 24.81; 24.82; 24.83; 24.84; 24.85; 24.86; 24.87; 24.88; 24.89; 24.90; 24.91; 24.92; 24.93; 24.94; 24.95; 24.96; 24.97; 24.98; 24.99; 24.100; 24.101; 24.102; 24.103; 24.104; 24.105; 24.106; 24.107; 24.108; 24.109; 24.110; 24.111; 24.113; 24.116; 24.119; 24.122; 24.123; 24.124; 24.126; 24.127; 24.128; 24.129; 24.130; 24.131; first part of recommendation 24.133; 24.141; 24.142; 24.143; 24.145; 24.147; 24.148; 24.149; 24.151; 24.153; 24.155; 24.156; 24.157; 24.162; 24.164; 24.165; 24.166; 24.169; 24.173; 24.176; 24.177; 24.180; 24.185; 24.188; 24.189; 24.190; 24.191; 24.195; 24.197; 24.200; 24.204; 24.205; 24.207; 24.211; 24.212; 24.213; 24.214; 24.215; 24.216; 24.217; 24.218; 24.219; 24.220; 24.221; 24.222; 24.223; 24.224; 24.225; 24.226; 24.227; 24.228; 24.229; 24.231; 24.233; 24.234; 24.235; 24.236; 24.237; 24.239; 24.240; 24.241; 24.242; 24.243; 24.244; 24.245; 24.246; 24.247; 24.248; 24.249; 24.250; 24.251; 24.252; 24.253; 24.254; 24.255; 24.256; 24.257; 24.258; 24.259; 24.260; 24.261; 24.262; 24.263; 24.264; 24.265; 24.266; 24.267; 24.268; 24.269; 24.270; 24.271; 24.272; 24.273; 24.274; 24.275; 24.276; 24.277; 24.278; 24.279; 24.280; 24.281; 24.282; 24.283; 24.284; 24.285; 24.286; 24.287; 24.288; 24.289; 24.290; 24.291; 24.293; 24.294; 24.295; 24.296; 24.297; 24.300; 24.301; 24.302; second part of recommendation 24.303; 24.304; 24.305; 24.306; 24.307; 24.308; 24.309; 24.310; 24.311; 24.312; 24.313; 24.314; 24.315; 24.316; 24.318; 24.319; 24.320; 24.321; 24.322; 24.323; 24.324; 24.325; 24.326; 24.327; 24.328; 24.329; 24.330; 24.331; 24.332; 24.333; 24.334; 24.335; 24.336; 24.337; 24.338; 24.339.

## **Recommendations of which the Government of Cuba has taken note (83)**

8. 24.1; 24.2; 24.3; 24.4; 24.5; 24.6; 24.7; 24.8; 24.9; 24.10; 24.11; 24.12; 24.13; 24.14; 24.15; 24.16; 24.17; 24.18; 24.19; 24.20; 24.21; 24.22; 24.23; 24.24; 24.25; 24.26; 24.27; 24.28; 24.29; 24.30; 24.31; 24.32; 24.33; 24.34; 24.35; 24.36; 24.37; 24.38; 24.39; 24.40; 24.42; 24.43; 24.45; 24.59; 24.67; 24.68; 24.69; 24.70; 24.71; 24.72; 24.73; 24.114; 24.115; 24.134; 24.135; 24.136; 24.137; 24.138; 24.139; 24.140; 24.144; 24.146; 24.150; 24.154; 24.161; 24.170; 24.172; 24.179; 24.181; 24.182; 24.183; 24.187; 24.198; 24.199; 24.194; 24.202; 24.203; 24.232; 24.238; 24.292; 24.298; 24.299; first part of recommendation 24.303; 24.317.

9. 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 (30)**

10. 24.44; 24.112; 24.117; 24.118; 24.120; 24.121; 24.125; 24.132; second part of recommendation 24.133; 24.152; 24.158; 24.159; 24.160; 24.163; 24.167; 24.168; 24.171; final part of recommendation 24.172; 24.174; 24.175; 24.178; 24.184; 24.186; 24.192; 24.193; 24.196; 24.201; 24.206; 24.208; 24.209; 24.210; 24.230.

11. 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.