



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
to the United Nations Office at Geneva

**Statement to be delivered by
Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Third Secretary, to the 16th Session of the Working
Group on Universal Periodic Review, on the Review of Cuba
Wednesday, 1 May 2013 (Afternoon)**

Thank You Mr. President,

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Cuba to the 16th Session of UPR Working Group.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Seek assistance and technical expertise from the OHCHR to develop a common core document so as to streamline treaty reporting.
2. To ratify the ICESCR and ICCPR.
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