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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance****Report of the Secretary-General****Addendum**

1. On 13 August 2013, Cuba submitted its reply to the note verbale dated 24 April 2013, in which the Secretary-General had invited Governments to transmit any information pertaining to the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/180](#). The information provided is summarized below:

Cuba informed that it is a State party to the Convention and that it constantly evaluates the provisions of an optional nature by which it is not bound, even after the ratification of any international legally binding instrument, as is the case with articles 31 and 32 of the Convention. It also indicated that it has neither requested nor received assistance from the Secretary-General or the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with regard to issues related to enforced disappearances or the implementation of the Convention. It further indicated that the eradication of this scourge in Cuba since the revolutionary triumph of January 1959 does not make it necessary to request any assistance. In addition, Cuba indicated that it has not received requests for assistance from United Nations organs, intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations or the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances on issues related to the implementation of the Convention.

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