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**SUBJECT: ON THE CUBAN CASE ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

The members of the Gambia-Cuba Friendship Association, founded now for 10 years, would like to address to this United Nations mechanism to state our assessment on Cuba and its exemplary move towards the peoples of the world.

We would like to state that, no matter the hardships and constrains under the more than 50 years Us Economic, Finance and Commerce Blockade imposed to more than 70% of Cuba population, Cuba has managed to surpass those obstacles and go beyond its national territory to help save lives and prevent fatal illnesses far away, as to countries even in the Pacific Ocean, and especially in Africa, sending Cuban doctors and technical personnel to help developing other nations, unconditionally and altruistically.

That Cuba has given the same equal opportunities of health to more than 121 countries all over the planet, especially to 51 of African nations, with no other purpose than to benefiting thousands of millions of Africans with better conditions of health and even sanitation facilities, to prevent deathly diseases as malaria and other endemic illnesses affecting this unbuttered continent, without any condition.

Here in The Gambia, we have 148 Cuban Medical Doctors located in the whole territory of The Gambia, living in the same regions, with the same living conditions of the national population; far away home, their families, sharing with them not only their service, but also culture and traditions, food and religion, language and expertise.

All these we want to state before this mechanism, to be considered and taken into consideration our appreciation to the Cuban Government and people, since this is the only country that has done so much for the Africans in the whole world.

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