



## INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF UNIVERSAL DAY OF CULTURE

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To: CUBA'S UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW.

Message NGO for Universal periodic examination. Theme - Cuba.

International association «Universal Day of Culture»

Russia

Dear Sir,

Let to inform the following information for Universal periodic examination.  
Theme - Cuba.

I am applying to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Movement "For the affirmation of the Universal Day of Culture". Our movement unites more than 25 thousand people from the 40 organizations of the 14 countries.

Today the ideas of the priority of the Culture in governmental and intergovernmental relations, humanization and increase of standard of culture of our society, protection of the cultural values become actual as never before.

- ✓ The Triumph of the Revolution permitted the Cuban people to attain their true independence and the full, universal enjoyment of all human rights for all.
- ✓ The Cuban people have continued vindicating and defending the Revolution that made possible the enjoyment of civil, political, cultural, economic and social rights of everyone in the country. All Cubans continue to ensure their rights free self-determination, development, peace and a fair, democratic and equitable international order.
- ✓ From 2009 until 2012, Cuba has continued to move through a process of permanent and profound transformations to improve the socialist system, endorsed and built by its people with the aim of advancing towards a society that is fairer day by day, freer and more independent, acting in solidarity, equitable and productive.
- ✓ The policy of hostility, blockade and aggressions by successive United States administrations against Cuba has been a serious obstacle to the full enjoyment of human rights and the basic freedoms of all Cubans, including their rights to life, peace, free self-determination and development. The most serious aspect of that policy is that it violates the most elementary rights of the Cuban people.

- ✓ Cuba has always maintained a high level of cooperation with United Nations human rights procedures and mechanisms of non-discriminatory nature and of universal application.
- ✓ Cuba has fulfilled the recommendations arising from the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2009. Cuba has always been ready to participate in frank and genuine dialogue about human rights on a basis of respect for its full dignity and sovereignty. Cuba accepted a high number of recommendations in the first UPR cycle.
- ✓ The unfair and malicious political-media campaigns against Cuba promoted by the United States are ignorant about the achievements of the country in human rights and have a negative impact on the UN human rights instruments. The US government funds and guides individuals to commit illegal acts in Cuba and, for this purpose, it urges them to abuse official UN human rights mechanisms and procedures.

In this letter we have expressed a position of public organizations carrying out the international humanitarian cooperation and well informed about position in Republic Cuba.

With best regards,  
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