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Dear Madame Commissioner,

Our Institute for Foreign Policy Research and Initiatives states the following points in relation to Cuba's Universal Periodic Review:

- 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.
- 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.

- Regarding the Administration of Justice, Including the Fight against Impunity, and the Rule of Law, Cuba has institutionalized a system of independent bodies, headed by the Supreme Court, acting collegially, composed according to their competency and with broad popular participation in the dealing of justice.
- The Cuban judicial system is based on the principle of absolute independence of judges individually and of the entire system of Courts in the function of dealing justice; the popular nature of justice; the elective nature of judges (both professional and lay judges); the absolute equality of all persons before the law; the presumption of innocence; all trials are public, except in cases excepted by law; all rulings of the courts may be appealed according to stipulations established by law in each case; every accused party has the right to legal defense.

The unfair treatment of Cuba by specifically the United States needs to stop, as it contradicts the noble principles of human rights.

Sincerely,

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