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From **Solidarity Sweden-Latin America**

Solidarity Sweden-Latin America (SAL) is a [Swedish solidarity](#) organization that works together with popular movements in [Latin America](#) to achieve a fair and sustainable society. In Swedish the name of the organization is *Latinamerikagrupperna* and in Spanish it is *Solidaridad Suecia-América Latina*.

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In view of the second UPR concerning the Republic of Cuba:

1. Cuba has continued its efforts to improve its good practices following the recommendations from 2009. May of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations from 2009 have been well responded to by the Cuban civil society and its government. Cuba has taken steps towards enhancing respect for human rights and freedom of expression in the country, although there is still a lot to do.
2. 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.
3. Cuba has fulfilled the recommendations in the first cycle of the UPR. No death sentence has been passed by the courts since the last UPR report. Cuba has made progress towards the elimination of discrimination against women and continues to draw attention to issues of the rights of persons in their struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Cuba gives priority to agriculture and food security.
4. As a Solidarity movement, considering peace and freedom from foreign aggression as one of the most basic human rights, we especially want to put emphasis on Cuba's proven dedication to maintaining peace and promoting peaceful conflict solutions in all international arenas and circumstances, as recently also proven in promotion peace talks in the half a century long social and economic conflict in Colombia.

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