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The questioning of the Cuban political and election system constitutes one of the main pillars of the hostility against Cuba promoted by the United States on democracy and human rights matters. The powerful propagandistic machinery in the hands of the US imperialism has been responsible for attacking the Cuban system and for presenting the mercenaries they finance to promote their anti-Cuban policy as "dissidents or pacific opposition" and as "Human Rights activists".

The Cuban political system is a faithful expression of the will of its people in the exercise of their legitimate right to self-determination. It is genuinely authentic and autochthonous, widely democratic and participative.

Democracy in Cuba does not represent a formal and abstract concept. It is guaranteed through the full participation of citizens in the carrying out of all public matters and through dealing with and meeting the spiritual and material needs of the human being. Democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the people. The Cuban people continue to move forward in its revolutionary process of continued transformations for the deepening of democracy and people's participation.

Democracy in Cuba is sustained also in the plurality of opinions- which influence the reaching of the consensus determining the political, economic, social and cultural course of the nation-, and in the condition of every Cuban citizen of being part and beneficiary of the exercise of power. Every citizen is not only subject of the political power, but also beneficiary and co-owner of the patrimony, the riches and the nation's fundamental means of production. Every citizen has access to the basic services such as education, health, social assistance and security without any kind of discrimination.

The Cuban Revolution freed, saved and strengthened the Cuban nation. The Cuban people broke the yoke of institutional racism, women discrimination,

nepotism, political corruption, murders and political disappearances, illiteracy, chronic unemployment, insalubrity, ideological domination, the imposition of pseudo-cultural patrons which are alien to it, as well as of hunger and misery.

Cuba has built a social system based on a Law State, where a judicial protection and material conditions are guaranteed for the enjoyment of all human rights by all.

Thank you.