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- *H.E High Commissioner for Human Rights,*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

The Central Committee of Youth Association of Cambodia (YAC), its member and Cambodian Young People through out the country have carefully watched the progress of human rights in Cuba.

We would like to express our opinion concerning human rights in Cuba as follows:

In Cuba, the judicial protection and material conditions are guaranteed for people to enjoy the respect for human rights, freedom of expression and exercise of their legitimate rights by their own self-determination. It is genuinely authentic, democratic and widely participative.

Democracy in Cuba contributes to consensus determination of the political, economic, social and cultural issues; every Cuban citizen is heard, participated and beneficiary of the exercise of power. Every citizen has equal opportunity in access to the basic public services such as education, health, social assistance and security without discrimination.

Cuba is one of the countries that ratified the convention on the rights of the child since August 21, 1991 and submitted its initial report to the committee in May 1997.

In Cuba, the Human Rights and particularly Children's Rights are ensured by a system of social policies, programs and projects in the areas of health care, education, social security, environment and others. Children and adolescents are given special privileges for exercise of their rights as regulated in the constitution of the republic,

various codes, laws and decrees such as Child and Youth Code, Family Code, Civil Code and Penal Code.

As an example of the respect for and adherence of human rights and Children's rights in the country, Cuban's infant mortality rate is the lowest in Latin America 6.3 per 1000 lives birth and 90% the country's children are vaccinated against 13 disease.

One again, we would like to reiterate that YAC, its members and Cambodian Young People are maintaining our stand together with Cuban Youth and people and trying our best for the sake of the youth and people of the world.

We hope that with strong support and justice provided by international Communities, Cuban Youth and People will be motivated to accomplish their noble tasks in the goal of building their own country via their own self-determination Rights.

Please accept, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, the assurances of our highest consideration.

**On behalf of CC of YAC,
Vice President**



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