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To UNHR
Submission to the Universal Periodic Review -- Cuba

Dear Sir!

Looking forward Cuba's Universal Periodic Review we would like to share with our vision of the human rights situation in modern Cuba.

Representatives of the Association for Trans-Border Cooperation visited Republic of Cuba several times since 2002. The last visit took place in December 2011. We noted that Cuban Government pays great attention to development of the civil society and implementing of the human rights.

All Cuban citizens enjoy rights of free speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of movement. Every year hundreds of Cubans give interviews to local and international media without control and risk of persecution. The country and its government became more open for its citizens and international community. Any information on the activities of executive power is open for public in the in the Web.

The process of updating of the Cuban economic course is going very fast. Cuban citizens got wide possibilities for opening and owing of private businesses and real estate.

Despite imposed by the US economic blockade of the Isle international business broadens its presence in Cuba. This applies to countries which officially support blockade, including the US itself. They seek to develop economic relations and participate in annual trade exhibitions in Habana.

We sincerely ask UNHR to draw attention to the real situation with the human rights in Cuba where every citizen is free to express himself and where the officials in the recent years pay more and more attention to the human rights and development of the civil society.

Sincerely Yours

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