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## **NOTIFICATION**

on the observance of human rights by resolution no. 17/119 in Cuba Republic

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The Romanian-Cuban Friendship Association of Dambovita county is a cultural, non-lucrative and non-patrimonial, apolitical and independent association. The objectives of association are: presenting and apprehending the realities between the Cuban people in Romania and the Romanian people in Cuba, through the organisation of symposiums, scientific sessions, shows, exhibitions, exchange of delegations, translations and sport manifestations, correct information on the tradition and history of the two people in exchange of sport manifestations, correct manifestation on the tradition and history of the two people in exchange of publications and magazines, anniversary of some events and personalities in the history and culture of Romanian-Cuban peoples and of other people from Latin America. The activity of the association is carried out both in Targoviste and in other localities from the county of Dambovita.

As I have noticed pursuant to the recent visits in Cuba from the last years and from the information published as well outside the Island, the Cuban process made possible exercising all rights: political, civil, economic, cultural, social. Since 2010, Cuba has been implementing changes in the economic and social field in order to render more efficient and productive the economy, beneficial for the Cuban people with an increasing demand to satisfy its needs. The gradual reorganisation of Cuban economy was discussed, extended, rectified and submitted to referendum with the entire adult population, which is not seen to often in other countries and areas of current world.

Despite an unfair economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed by USA for over half a century, blockade which breaches permanently the most elementary rights of the entire people and prevent it to develop, the progresses of Cuban system in social, educational and health field are acknowledged worldwide, even by the bodies of United Nations.

A CEPAL study acknowledges the power of Cuba to maintain the primordial achievements in the social field despite the economic crisis cased by the range of internal and external factors. Rebeca Grynspan, manager of CEPAL under-regional seat, assured in 2009 that the Cuban achievements in the social field overcome the regional context alarmingly and "provides highly useful lessons". In the first lessons, Grynspan stated that the Island proves "that when there is political will, the social politics may be performed, even under conditions of high faults". More recently, Alicia Barcenas, executive secretary of CEPAL, notified that "...the Latin-American countries have something to learn from Cuba in the field of politics for the reduction of inequalities" and, as I have apprehended from the last report of the Fund of United Nations for children

(UNICEF) 2012 entitled "Progress for childhood a Balance of Nutrition", Cuba is the only country in Latin America that eliminated the problem of infantile malnutrition, whereas there are worldwide 146 million children suffering from this serious problem.

In Cuba, there is a wide religious universe which, according to Cuban Constitution, includes the equality of all religious manifestations before law and the right of all citizens to profess the religious cult before law and the right of all citizens to profess the religious cult preferred. However, there is no discrimination on religious criteria, the members of Communist Party may practice any religion and they are clerks in the National Meeting of People Power. Cuba received on two occasions the visit of His Sanctity the Pope and of other religious leaders who were received with respect by authorities and people proving that the Cuban people is an intelligent, cult and disciplined people.

As noticed, despite the permanent foreign interference in the internal business of the country with terrorists and stirrers sent by the foreign powers trying to subvert the internal order, Cuba has not ruled any condemnation to death in the last 9 years, on the contrary, it has commuted the capital penalties of proven terrorists, applying them condemnations of over 30 years or life imprisonment, which shows the humanitarian conduct of this country. Also, over 2900 prisoners of common law and others who attempted to the internal order of the country were released in 2011. However, 5 Cuban fighters against terrorism coming from American territory are still laying up in the American prisons, Cubans who did not have a fair trial and they are facing much higher condemnations than in similar cases judged as well in the United States, they couldn't be proven either the accusation of attempting to the country's safety.

It is also emphasized the high feeling of solidarity expressed by Cuba by different humanitarian projects in the medical and educational field on all continents, contributing to the alphabetization, training of skilled staff and medical care of million of poor persons, being noticed the humanitarian activity from Haiti. In Romania, dozens of patients suffering from cancer enjoyed the Cuban medical system through the administration of the medicine VIDATOX manufactured from the venin of blue scorpion.

During the last years, it was noticed a strong mediatic discredit campaign against Cuban government in the field of human rights. Although no country is released in this field, one shall state the multitude of efforts made by this country and its will to continue to progress. Most of the accusations promoted on the media channels and in western press to denigrate Cuba represent an act of manipulation, they are deprived of objectivity and most of the times they want to create the image of an assumed climate of instability of the country.

In Cuba, there is a permanent fight against corruption, due to this rod, one arrested and judged according to Cuban Laws officers from all levels who attempted to the country's economy, as well as foreigners who instigated to committing such crimes.

Cuba continues to provide the free access to public health and education and is still going in the direction of assuring, despite the economic blockade of USA, the food safety of population which represents a problem of national security.

The Government of Cuba shall have to continue the effort to improve the quality of the life of its citizens by the changes implemented in the economic and social field, but without outside pressures.

Romania, Targoviste September 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 President, Ion Hotinceanu Indecipherable signature

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