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CUBA'S UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

Message NGO for Universal periodic examination. Theme - Cuba.

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Dear colleagues,

Humanitarian-Charitable Society "Light of the Morning Star - Urusvati" was built in 1995 and passed state registration in 1997. Certificate of registration No 7314 of March 6, 1997.

Let to inform the following information for Universal periodic examination. Theme - Cuba. Our theses concern to aspects Right to Health, Education, Food and Culture. We investigate and cooperate with the Latin American region since 2000. Area of cooperation: public health services, education, culture.

- The UNESCO Report on Lifelong Learning for All (2011) acknowledges Cuba to have high educational development and is placed at number 14 in the world in their Education for All Rating (IDE). Notwithstanding the recognized achievements in this area, Cuba is working to attain greater quality at all levels of teaching.
- For Cuba, having all people enjoying the right to food and food security constitutes a matter of national security. The government's political will has been steadfast in order to attain advances in the subject of the right to food, in spite of the economic blockade against Cuba by the United States and its specific impact on availabilities of funding for the importing of foods and investment of capital and technology in that field. New measures have been promoted to implement the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur after their visit in 2007.
- Cuba continues to ensure universal access, free of charge, to public health. In 2011 the infant mortality rate reached 4.9, the lowest rate in Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2011, the maternal mortality rate was at 40.6 per 100,000, a very low rate on an international scale
- Culture is being promoted in the country as a grass roots phenomenon, promoting equality, opportunities for the development of the potential of every citizen, with no distinctions.

We hope that our opinion will be taken into account at acceptance of the appropriate decisions.

With best regards,

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