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The social justice that was instituted in Cuba since January 1, 1959 is one of the great achievements of the Cuban Revolution. The institutions of the state educate everyone, from the youngest age, on the principle of equality of human beings and the full enjoyment of their rights. Women and men enjoy equal rights in economic, political, cultural, social and family life.

The state organized institutions such as kindergartens, semi-boarding and boarding schools, homes for the elderly and services to help working families fulfill their responsibilities.

The state strives to create the conditions that promote the principle of equality. "Work in socialist society is a right, a duty and an honor for every citizen." Work is remunerated according to its quality and quantity, when it is provided the requirements of the economy and society, the choice of the worker and his attitude and skills.

In Cuba, the National Treasury is reported to social security. Through the social security system, the State guarantees adequate protection to all workers, retirees, illness or disability. Socialism protects all citizens without discrimination. The State also protects the elderly without resources, any person unfit for work, or people who has no relatives in a position to help.

The health system in Cuba is a victory of the Revolution because besides being free, all the advances of science and technology are at service of all citizens without discrimination. Everyone has the right to have health care and protection. The State guarantees the right to healthcare for all citizens: the provision of free medical and hospital assistance, through the network of rural medical service facilities, polyclinics, hospitals, preventative and specialized treatment and with the development of outreach health plans and health education, health screenings, newspapers, general vaccinations and other preventive measures.

The right to education in Cuba is guaranteed by the extensive and free system of schools, semi-boarding schools and scholarships in all types and levels of education,

and for providing free school supplies, which provides each child and young person, no matter their family background, the opportunity to study according to their skills, social demands and the needs of economic and social development. Adult men and women are guaranteed this right, under the same conditions of free and specific facilities regulated by law.

The Socialist Constitution in Cuba expresses respect to the citizens and their basic rights, including: practicing physical education, sport and recreation. Everyone has the right to physical education, sport and recreation. The enjoyment of this right is guaranteed by the inclusion of the teaching and practice of physical education and sport in the curriculum of the national education system, and the breadth of instruction and the resources made available to the people in order to facilitate the massive practice of sport and recreation.

The Constitution of the Republic of Cuba recognizes all citizen's freedom of speech and press within the aims of socialist society.

The rights of assembly, demonstration and association are exercised by workers, laborers and intellectuals, women, students and other sectors. The mass and social organizations have all the facilities to carry out those activities in which the members have complete freedom of speech and opinion, based on the unlimited right of initiative and criticism.

The State recognizes, respects and guarantees the freedom of conscience and religion of every citizen.

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