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The High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Human Rights Council  
United Nations  
Geneva

Respected Sir,

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization is an active participant in the field of human rights. In this connection, we would like to make our submission relating to the Republic of Cuba.

- The history of Modern Cuba is well known to the whole world. The new government was established after a revolution where all strata of people participated overthrowing the inhuman dictatorship of Batista.

The revolutionary government guaranteed Human Rights as enunciated in the U.N. Human Rights Charter.

- Right to life is a human right. As such Cuba protects the life of all the citizens of the country and not selectively.

- Right to education is a human right. Education in Cuba is free from the primary stage to the University level, thereby guaranteeing the right of every person to education.

- Human Rights also involves right to health. Cuba provides free medical aid to all its citizens. They train medical doctors and para-

medical health workers in sufficient numbers with fully equipped network of health facilities. While in rich countries only rich people have access to proper health, in Cuba there is no discrimination.

- Cuban democracy is a participatory democracy evolved through historical experience of their specific situation. They discuss their problems regularly and attend to the needs. Also rectify errors. In Cuba democracy does not end in election only. For them it is a daily activity.

- Basic food is guaranteed to all Cubans, thereby corruption is eliminated and every body is benefited.

- Private Sector, Cooperative and State Sector are integrated in production and distribution.

All these go to prove the special characteristic of Cuban experience and ensuring of human rights of the whole nation.

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