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The Swedish Peace Committee is a non-governmental organisation that was started 1949. Our organisation has been engaged in the questions of war and peace and the relations between social development and peace and the and solidarity. Because of our background we would like to respond to the question of how Cuba follows the UN field of human rights.

We do not just follow the developments in Cuba at a distance but we have also had a number of solidarity projects. Several of our members have made personal visits to Cuba. We have contacts with the Cuban Peace Committee with many immigrants and we have many members in our organisation from Latin America. These persons have situation in Cuba in regards to human rights and to compare it with human rights situation in their former home America. They look often upon Cuba as an ideal....

In the middle of the 1960's the United Nations developed a more concrete picture of the meaning behind the word other words human rights was found to mean the following – work to be able to support ones self, education for health care, social care, equality between men and women. We mean that these economical, social and cultural mean one should not judge Cuba in relation to a highly developed land such as Sweden but in relation to other America. Cuba's development in the past 50 years has been impressive.

We would like to mention one example of a UNESCO project that we saw in a worn-down suburb of Havana. A worked, without salaries, with youth. The youth made music, sang, recited poetry and danced. A sign over the door with the personnel emphasised that boys and girls develop together there. The work of these established cultural not just limited to one or two projects – it is a whole movement.

Another example we have seen is a training centre for blind adults in the capital city. Handicapped persons from country come there and participate in courses so they can learn how to function better in everyday situations.

What a positive impression we got of the Cuban children! They are well fed, lively and eager to work. They are school uniforms that leave no room for unhealthy competitions of who has the fanciest clothes or which show the economical situations of their parents.

The Swedish Peace Committee admires their social development during the past 50 years which has taken the country "sugar bowl and casino". We mean that Cuba's exceptional development in the above mentioned areas is a result country has control of its economy and has the visions for the development of the citizens as individuals and a people.

We condemn USA's actions against the socialistic Cuba. We mean also that EU has no right in enforce sanctions up demands of when these sanctions are to be lifted.

The target for all of USA and EU ideological attacks against Cuba is always the countries political system. In Sweden almost always defined as market economy with multiple party systems. This bourgeois democratic system should be granted. Countries have rights to choose their own economical system and type of government. New ways of living ways of organizing countries. In Cuba the citizens are guaranteed the rights of participation in decision making at national, regional and local parliaments, also in popular movements. There is also a genuine democracy on the level

Peace Committee members were able to study this form of democracy in the regional capital, Holguin.

USA government's actions against Cuba are a crime against international law and a destabilisation of peace. The is clear: to change the political system in Cuba. The amounts of dollars that are being used for this purpose are e used to finance anti-Cuban activities in USA and in Cuba. How is it possible, when one knows of this, to take th Cuba seriously? How can one believe that their actions are done in defence of human rights?

Swedish Peace Committee condemns USA's blockade of Cuba and EU's restrictions for lifting the sanctions. W worried about the political powers in Sweden who play in USA's dirty game. This past summer these powers tri Cuban Society from participating in this year's Book and Library Fair in Gothenburg. Swedish-Cuban Society, S Committee and 30 there organisations have their offices in a house known as, Solidarity House. We share satisf organisations that Swedish-Cuban Society successfully finally received permission to participate in the fair. And with the Swedish-Cuban Society is the fact that the Swedish Construction Workers Union, at there national board in June, demanded that USA's blockade of Cuba should stop.

These remarks are Swedish Peace Committee's experience of how human rights are expressed and developed in

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