

## Republic of Cuba National Assembly of People's Power Speaker

Havana, July 24, 2021 "Year 63 of the Revolution"

A: Henrik Dam Kristensen Presidente del Parlamento Reino de Dinamarca

Your Excellency,

In view of the disinformation and distortion of the Cuban reality that is constantly disseminated through transnational media and digital networks, spreading slander, manipulation of images and facts, as well as lies of all kinds, I am writing to you to update you on the true situation in our country, while at the same time I kindly request that you convey this information to the members of your Parliament.

A destabilization campaign has been launched against Cuba, which has been conceived, financed and led by the United States Government, with the direct involvement of the political machinery in Florida. It has made opportunistic use of the pandemic situation and the serious difficulties and limitations we face, mainly as a result of the genocidal economic, commercial and financial blockade, stepped up by the 243 measures implemented by the previous US administration and upheld by the current one.

The blockade has repercussions in all aspects of the lives of Cubans.

To this must be added the permanent campaigns of subversion and ideological intoxication promoted by United States agencies and entities, aimed at discrediting Cuba, slandering the Revolution, trying to mislead the people, fostering discouragement, apathy and disapproval, fueling internal contradictions and promoting disagreement and fracture between the people and their legitimate representatives and institutions. They are also conceived to take advantage of the unquestionable material shortages, of the difficulties faced by our population as a consequence of the combined effect of the global economic crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic and the tightening of the blockade.

They are trying to apply the Unconventional Warfare Manual that has proven to be of great success for them in other countries. They do not renounce the illusion of bringing about a change in the political, economic and social system that has been sovereignly chosen by the vast majority of the Cuban people.

There has not been a social explosion in Cuba. The Biden Administration is lying when it refers to "peaceful demonstrators". On July 11, disturbances and incidents occurred in some areas, as a consequence of a terrorist media operation carried out from U.S. territory, with absolute impunity. It encouraged and triggered the reported disturbances, unleashing violence, hatred and vandalism, with the purpose of dividing Cubans, damaging the prestige earned by Cuba and blocking the solidarity that we have always received.

By these means, they deliberately and opportunistically try to portray a collapsed country in chaos, in order to justify an external military intervention under the pretext of humanitarian aid, whose devastating consequences are well known by their effects on the nations that have suffered it.

Based on the right to which we are entitled to defend the constitutional and legal order established by our people in a free referendum, and with absolute respect for International Law, the Cuban authorities, particularly those in charge of law enforcement, acted with moderation and strict adherence to the law in the face of acts of vandalism and violence. These acts caused injuries to several police officers and civilians, to Cuban citizens who opposed such actions or who expressed their support for the Revolution and its Government.

In Cuba there are no arbitrary detentions, missing or tortured persons, or prisoners whose whereabouts are unknown; nor are there any imprisoned minors. No sophisticated means of repression, mechanical equipment, chemical substances, stun explosives and automatic launchers of toxic bombs are used here, which unfortunately has become a daily reality in other world countries. All this is contrary to the ethics and practice of the Cuban authorities.

The judicial treatment of detainees has been carried out in strict compliance with the Constitution and the substantive and procedural laws in force, and with all the guarantees of due process. Most detainees have been released, either after being fined or placed under precautionary house arrest in cases in which they have been charged or are subject to investigation proceedings.

We are a State of Law and Social Justice as proclaimed in the Constitution. The Cuban Government is alive, promoting the implementation of the economic and social strategy as it gradually addresses the measures and policies implemented, putting its heart into the common effort.

It is false that the health situation in Cuba is out of control; our model is effective, universal and free of charge, as a result of a policy of social inclusion. We have a capable, qualified and dedicated staff that performs their duties efficiently in the face

of the increased number of infections caused by the new strains. The figures of sick and dead people cannot be compared with those in the rest of the world, in spite of the restrictions imposed by the blockade and the efforts made to prevent us from having access to equipment, raw materials, medicines and essential supplies. We have also counted on the solidarity of many friends in the world.

The talent and dedication of our scientists, who have benefited from the work of the Revolution, has enabled us to produce the first two Latin American vaccines against COVID-19. This will allow us to have 70% of the Cuban population immunized by August, and by the end of the year, all the population will be immunized, which will also allow us to cooperate with other peoples of the planet.

## Your Excellency,

You can be rest assured that peace and tranquility prevail in Cuba. Our institutions are operating normally and the people, united, will solve the difficulties we face with the patriotism, strength and creativity that characterize them, without foreign interference of any kind, defending the society they are building: an independent, sovereign, socialist, democratic, prosperous and sustainable society, as they have reiterated throughout our country.

We would like to express our gratitude for the expressions of solidarity received from legislators, Parliamentary Friendship Groups and Parliaments.

Please accept our cordial greetings and the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Sincerely yours,