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Declaration by the International Relations Commission of the National Assembly of the People's Power of Cuba

Once again, the European Parliament has fulfilled the sad role of hostage to a small group of MEPs of the far right, obsessed with destroying the Cuban revolution, who have known links to Miami-based organizations funded by Washington.

The spurious and interventionist resolution that has just been passed by the Parliament undermines this institution's credibility and reflects the double standards it applies to our country. This body clearly has no intention of cooperating or entering into dialogue, or of showing the slightest respect for Cuba as a free, independent and sovereign country.

We reiterate our emphatic rejection of this ill-conceived measure promoted by the more extremist representatives of the Spanish Partido Popular and Vox political groupings, who have no moral authority whatever to pass judgment on Cuba and have imported their belligerent internal politics against that country's present executive, to the European Parliament.

In response to the violent, vulgar, neofascist rhetoric of this minority faction of MEPs, decent voices were raised to tell the truth about Cuba and label this action as one of hypocrisy. They referred to Washington's blockade as the most flagrant violation of the human rights of the Cuban people and demanded its elimination, while defending the development of a respectful and constructive relationship between Cuba and the EU.

A resolution such as this, tainted with double standards, does not worry us unduly. We, Cuba's legislators, together with the people, of which we are an inseparable part and to whom we owe our duty, are working to strengthen the legislative structure of our nation, prioritizing the full enjoyment of human rights by everyone.

In Cuba, culture is within everyone's reach; the state maintains increasingly comprehensive access by the people to all its manifestations. Cuban medical cooperation, which has also benefited European countries, is a paradigm of the projection of

the Revolution abroad, based on the principle enunciated by José Martí that “Homeland is humanity”.

The campaigns waged by our enemies and their lackeys fail when confronted by the will of our people to continue advancing, united, in the building of a society ever more just and democratic.

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