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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD**

**Note verbale dated 14 March 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office and International Organizations based in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, and has the honour to attach herewith, in English, French and Spanish, a document entitled "Let us stop a new maneuver against Cuba". The document in question contains the text of a call by over 200 prominent intellectuals from all over the world for an end to the anti-Cuba manoeuvring in the Commission on Human Rights and to the aggressive and hostile policy of the Government of the United States of America towards Cuba.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba hereby requests that the text of the above-mentioned document* should be circulated as an official document of the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session, under item 9 of its agenda. It also requests that the text be circulated to all special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights and made available to anyone interested on the web site created by the Office of the High Commissioner for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights.

* Reproduced in the annex as received, in English, French and Spanish only.

Annex

LET US STOP A NEW MANEUVER AGAINST CUBA

From March 14th to April 22nd, 2005, the 61st session of the UN Commission on Human Rights will take place in Geneva, where once more the US government will try to pass a resolution against Cuba.

It is a manipulated and selective treatment of the topic to justify the intensification of the policy of blockade and aggressions by the greatest power on the planet against a small country, in violation of International Law. The Commission must represent every United Nations member State and ensure respect for the rights of all men and women worldwide. It is significant, however, that within the Commission, during the last year sessions, it was not possible to evaluate, not even to debate, the atrocious violations of human rights taking place in US prisons in Abuh Ghraib and Guantanamo.

The US government has no moral authority to set itself up as a judge of human rights in Cuba, where there is not a single case of missing persons, torture or extra judicial killing and where internationally recognized health, education and cultural levels have been reached despite the blockade.

We request the countries represented in the Commission not to allow it to be used to legitimize the Bush Administration's anti-Cuban aggressiveness, when the current war-mongering policy led by Washington makes predictable an eventual escalation of very serious consequences. We also call on journalists, writers, artists, professors, school teachers and social activists to address their governments and express by every possible means that this dangerous maneuver stop.

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