



PAN AFRICAN Movement

Uganda National Chapter

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Re: CONTRIBUTION OF THE PAN AFRICAN MOVEMENT UGANDA NATIONAL CHAPTER ON THE 4th CYCLE OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA ON HUMAN RIGHTS

On behalf of the Pan African Movement – Uganda National Chapter, allow me to send you compliments.

The purpose of the communication is forty nine (49) years of Uganda-Cuba diplomatic relations, the people of Uganda and adherents of Pan-Africanism are indeed very happy with the continuous positive development of the Republic of Cuba in the political, economic and social aspects. It is therefore our obligation as members of the solidarity movement for Cuba to commend the country's record on respect and promotion of human rights. It is also important to note that Cuba has suffered great animosity from the USA, especially the illegal economic blockade which has, as documented in UN reports, harmed its economy thereby hindering the importation of vital products, thus creating difficulties in the social life of the citizens. However, in spite of all that, Cuba continues to consider human rights as a topmost priority in ensuring the needs of children, youth, women, and elderly both locally and internationally wherever help is needed.

Since the first UPR 2008-2009, Cuba's human rights record has been put under scrutiny by various stakeholders. This has helped to open an opportunity to the world to understand the true human rights record of Cuba to the world. We highly support the initiative of the 4th cycle of the UPR and hope that even this time round the Republic of Cuba and its people will benefit immensely.

In conclusion, the Pan African Movement Uganda Chapter wishes to reiterate its solidarity with the people and government of Cuba and commends the country's commitment to promoting and protecting human rights. We hope that the 4th cycle of the UPR will provide an opportunity for Cuba to showcase its continued efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country and to address any remaining challenges. We also express our gratitude to the Cuban medical teams for their response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, which demonstrates the country's unwavering commitment to international solidarity. We call upon the international community to recognize and support Cuba's efforts to promote human rights and to provide assistance to those in need, regardless of political or ideological differences.

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The Pan African Movement – Uganda National Chapter over the years has been impressed with Cuba's commitment to promoting universal healthcare, education, and international humanitarian support for those in need. The country has a proven track record of responding to international emergencies has positively impacted the lives of many individuals and communities.

Therefore, we strongly recommend PADEAP to the United Nations and any other organization, or individual that is seeking to partner with a reputable and effective humanitarian organization in Uganda. I am confident that PADEAP's expertise, professionalism, and dedication to their work will make them a valuable partner in making a positive impact in Uganda.

Yours sincerely,

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