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"Year 64 of the Revolution".

Distinguished authorities,

Relatives of the victims,

Dear Caribbean brothers and sisters:

Moved, mournful, outraged, we pay tribute today to the 73 people, among them 57 Cubans, who were traveling aboard Cuban Flight CU- 455, all victims of the brutal terrorist act perpetrated to the aircraft in mid-flight a few minutes after its take-off from the "Grantley Adams" Airport in Barbados.

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, accompanies the experiences of this tribute. Unfortunately, force majeure in our beloved Cuba prevented us from being with you in person to pay tribute to the victims of that genocidal terrorist action.

Many of us Cubans were pioneers when the event took place. The criminal action deeply touched our people, forging even more our revolutionary and anti-imperialist formation.

Our Institute frames this commemoration in its International Day of Peace against the Blockade, from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, to denounce the vandalism and terrorist actions of the empire against our peoples because we have memory and we cannot allow ourselves to forget such crimes. Forbidden to forget! Moments like these strengthen us and lead us to reflect on the necessary unity that from our spaces we must build in the Caribbean and throughout our region, for the Latin American and Caribbean Patria Grande, to confront the imperialist pretensions over our peoples.

State terrorism must cease, as must the judicialization of politics, the persecution and assassination of leaders and leaders of progressive governments and organizations not only in our region but also throughout the world. Examples abound and are known to all. This reality obliges us to remain alert and mobilized; working to strengthen unity, integration and solidarity among our peoples.

Cuba expresses its feelings on the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this cowardly and vile assassination, a sign of the imperialist desperation to exterminate the Cuban Revolution, an endeavor that to this day they maintain and do not succeed despite the sustained and intensified blockade, the subversive campaigns and fourth generation warfare to discredit our leaders and the Revolution. That, like the crime of Barbados, is also terrorism.

For our Guyanese and Korean brothers murdered that day, we also send our most fervent remembrance at this moment. They remind us that the crimes of imperialism have no borders, that we all belong to the same human family and that our struggle is universal.

Our beloved and undefeated Commander in Chief, Fidel Castro Ruz, on the occasion of such a despicable crime expressed and I quote... ***"We cannot say that pain is shared. Pain is multiplied. Millions of Cubans weep today with the loved ones of the victims of the abominable crime, and when an energetic and virile people cry, injustice trembles!"***

Forty-six years after that horrendous crime, we still feel the trembling of that injustice. Today, we reiterate our gratitude for these 63 years of uninterrupted and permanent work of solidarity with our people and also with just causes.

We will always condemn this criminal terrorist action that commits us not to forget and to have historical memory to pass on to new generations the horrors of terrorism and the responsibility before humanity of the U.S. government and its allies for these events.

United by friendship, solidarity, peace and the sovereignty of the peoples, we say:

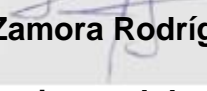
Eternal Glory to the Martyrs of Barbados!

Long live friendship and solidarity between Cuba and Barbados!

For a united Caribbean against terrorism! Down with terrorism!

We shall overcome!

Fraternally,

  
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