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"Year 63 of the Revolution"

Members and Executive Board  
Finland-Cuba Friendship Association

Dear friends:

The Cuban Institute for Friendship to the Peoples welcomes celebration of the Association's National Assembly, congratulating you and acknowledging the results of your solidarity actions during hard and difficult period the whole world has been through along 2020-2021. We are sure that this stop on the way will be useful for renewing your strength and continuing accompanying us in our hard mission of building a more fair, prosperous and sustainable society for the welfare of everyone.

The Finland-Cuba Friendship Association, in spite of strong limitations imposed by Covid-19, has expressed its solidarity with Cuba, in a creative way. You have been able to maintain your strong and systematical denounce of the criminal policy of the USA blockade against our people in social networks while supporting also nomination of the Cuban Henry Reeve Brigade for the Nobel Price Award.

Your contribution to the campaign for collecting funds, launched by Medicuba Europe and aimed at supporting IPK labs in Havana, Santa Clara and Santiago de Cuba, allowed the purchase of inputs for face the pandemics, whose limitations have been reinforced by the USA's criminal and arbitrary measures, hindering us to have access to the international market. The Association has also kept organization of the Cuban culture week and celebrating our most important historical dates by means of musical events, with the strong conviction that culture makes peoples brother.

We would like also this letter be useful for eternally recognizing the outstanding job carried out for more than a decade by our dear friend Paula Pere, heading the executive board of the association. Our lovely Paula has been able to lead the association very kindly but with a high determination and commitment, organizing actions, developing different initiatives and making strong statements, highlighting the prestige and acknowledging the work performed by the Association during all these years.

We are sure that the newly elected board, that will lead the work in the near future, will follow Paula's legacy as well as all those endearing friends that since 1963 have raised their voices in defense of the Cuban Revolution and its people in Finland.

From the cold territory of your Nordic country, our Island has for decades received the warm hug of a sister country, whose songs and daughters understand neither of walls nor blockades. People you worthily represent have accompanied us along hard periods of our revolutionary fight. We are completely sure that you will be with us in all common victories.

Nowadays, when social networks have become our most important fighting trench we would really appreciate if you focus your work on strengthening the battle against the blockade, which is the main obstacle for our development. You may also work for widening membership of the organization, mainly in the universities and youth sector, to be able to ensure continuity.

As part of the #UnblockCuba campaign-taking place in Europe at present, I humbly suggest you to continue making more visible actions against blockade in social networks. At the same time, I encourage you to organize and develop actions during last week of May and along June, prior to the presentation of the Cuban resolution against the blockage at the UNO General Assembly on June 23. While doing so you will be joining international movement against such a criminal policy that is becoming stronger every day, with organization of simultaneous actions in many nations and cities of the world.

Your support contributes to show how ineffective blockade policy has been for years, in their purpose of putting our people on our knees and withdrawing our Revolution.

Long live friendship between Finland and Cuba!

Fraternally yours,

Fernando González Llort

