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## **CSG PUBLISHES WHITE PAPER PRESENTING DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CUBA POLICY**

Washington D.C. - As the Executive Branch prepares to issue regulations implementing the President's National Security Memorandum on Cuba, the Cuba Study Group published a White Paper that assesses the projected impact of the Trump administration's policy and makes recommendations about how to productively tailor its impact.

These include:

- Continue core bilateral agreements pertaining to national security cooperation.
- Appoint a career diplomatic professional as Ambassador to Cuba.
- Continue welcoming Cuban visitors to the United States for people-to-people exchanges.
- Define the ban on "engagement with the Cuban military" in transparent, clearly delimited terms to avoid regulatory ambiguity and needlessly petty effects.
- Exclude common citizens from the newly expanded list of "prohibited officials of the Cuban government" barred from receiving remittances.
- Honor and do not create obstacles for existing U.S.-Cuba commercial agreements.
- Propose to Canada and Cuba the creation of a joint investigation into recently revealed incidents regarding U.S. and Canadian diplomats on Cuban soil.
- Do not dedicate excess resources to Cuba sanctions enforcement.
- Explore options to assist the Cuban people in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

The White Paper provides a historical overview of U.S.-Cuba relations; delineates the gains from engagement; debunks objections to rapprochement; describes President Trump's policy pivot; makes recommendations for how government agencies should write their forthcoming regulations; and envisions how the 2018 political transition in Cuba could affect policy.

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*Our mission is to help facilitate peaceful change in Cuba leading to a free and open society, respect for human rights and the rule of law, a productive, market-based economy and the reunification of the Cuban nation.*