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Statement by the Cuba Study Group on the Occasion of the Celebration of Human Rights Day

Washington, DC- The Cuba Study Group today released the following statement on the occasion of the celebration of Human Rights Day:

"We believe that human rights are intrinsic to humanity, and that the fundamental role of the state is to guarantee these rights. We believe that human rights include economic rights and accept the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the fundamental basis upon which Cuba's future should be built. Cuba has become a signatory of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and we urge the Cuban government to ratify these commitments.

It is altogether fitting that today, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, world leaders gather to pay tribute to the late President Nelson Mandela, a man who embodied these principles."

Human Rights Day is celebrated on the December 10 each year, the date the United Nations General Assembly Adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year marks the 20th anniversary of its adoption. A copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be found at: <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>

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The Cuba Study Group's 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.



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