

April 9, 2024

Dear Ambassador Sanchez,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 27 March 2024 as well as its attachment from the Department of International Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba (CCPCC) and the contents of both are noted.

It was in 1972 when, under the People's National Party (PNP), Jamaica first established diplomatic relations with Cuba. At that time we knew that it would not be an easy road, but we were determined to stand in solidarity with our close neighbours, the people of Cuba, through thick and thin. That solidarity continues to this day, and will endure into the future.

We, therefore, view it as most unfortunate that our friend, the United States of America, would, after imposing its deplorable and devastating blockade against Cuba for over 60 years, unilaterally place Cuba on the list of state sponsors of terrorism and now seek to further destabilise your country by new methods of biased media reporting and alternative facts.

The PNP condemns such destabilisation tactics. Indeed, we denounce all attempts to undermine Cuba's legitimate and peaceful efforts to develop your great nation, which, despite these unprecedented challenges, has pioneered so many admirable achievements and has been a steadfast and remarkable friend to the developing world.

We also reiterate our call for the removal of the blockade against Cuba and the removal of its name from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.

Finally, we reaffirm our solidarity with Cuba and its people. We know we speak for all Jamaicans when we declare our genuine and lasting gratitude to Cuba for its tremendous assistance to our country throughout the years, which we will neither take for granted nor will we ever forget.

Yours in Comradeship



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