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### **Nomination of the Henry Reeve International Contingent of Doctors for the Nobel Peace Prize**

Dear Members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee,

we wish to nominate the Henry Reeve International Contingent of Doctors for the Nobel Peace Prize. 15 years after the establishment of this unique institution, Cuban doctors and nurses have treated around four million people and saved around 90,000 lives in engagements all over the world. In the early stage of the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuban government showed internationalism and solidarity by sending the Henry Reeve International Contingent of Doctors to 22 countries, among them Italy, which had been hit severely by the pandemic.

Putting their own lives at risk to save others, the doctors and nurses of the Henry Reeve Brigade showed extraordinary solidarity. Due to the experience of the doctors sent to fight the pandemic, Cuba works on a vaccine against COVID-19. Cuban representatives have declared that it will be shared with other countries for free.

Fighting the COVID-19 pandemic is by far not the only humanitarian engagement of the Henry Reeve International Contingent of Doctors. Since 2005, Cuban doctors and nurses were sent to countries in Africa, Central and Southern America, Asia, Europe and Oceania. From 2014 until 2016, the International Contingent of Doctors' involvement in combatting the Ebola epidemic in Western Africa received widespread recognition. Especially the case of Felix Baez, a Cuban doctor who was infected with Ebola, cured and then returned to Western Africa to combat the epidemic, showed the selflessness of the Cuban doctor's engagement in fighting diseases worldwide. In recognition of their work in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, the Henry Reeve Brigade was awarded with the Dr. Lee Jong-Wook Memorial Prize for Public Health in 2017.



The selfless helpers deserve to be honoured. A Nobel Peace Prize for the Henry Reeve International Contingent of Doctors would shed a light on an outstanding example of how countries can show solidarity and internationalism despite all obstacles.

Sincerely,

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