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REPORT

ON ACHIEVED RESULTS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS
 AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

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Considering the state of human rights in the world and their compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948, as well as with binding UN agreements on human rights: "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights", the Association of Serbian-Cuban Friendship Belgrade focused special attention on the situation in the Republic of Cuba.

Last year, in 2022, after a broad social discussion, the draft of the new Family Law was adopted in the National Parliament of the Republic of Cuba and given to all Cuban citizens for referendum verification like all other important laws. On the referendum held on September 25, the Family Law was adopted by a majority decision of 66.9%.

The new Family Law of the Republic of Cuba achieved:

- The right provided by the Constitution that "The state recognizes and protects the family, regardless of how it is organized, as a basic cell in society and creates the conditions to guarantee that its goals can be achieved as a whole" was confirmed.
- The heterogeneous situation in Cuban society and the family is recognized, especially in the form of new types of relationships, which represents a fundamental break with the traditional understanding of the family, and creates the possibility for all citizen to create a family without discrimination, by legalizing same-sex marriages and allowing same-sex couples to adopt children,
- Parental rights are extended to grandparents, step-parents, step-mothers and surrogate mothers,
- The novelty lies in the fact that prenuptial agreements, as well as assisted (artificial) reproduction, are also possible by law,
- The law prohibits child marriages and physical violence against children, and parents are obliged to respect and protect the dignity and personal integrity of children and adolescents,
- The rights of the elderly and people with disabilities have been expanded, and their role in preserving culture and folk traditions has been recognized.

In addition to the above, we highlight the further affirmation of the female population in all aspects of social and public life, as well as in education, through the constant growth of the percentage of highly educated women, the number of Phd degrees obtained and participation in management structures at all levels.

It is also important to note that the representation of women in public and political life is on the rise and among the largest in the world. In the last elections for the National Parliament, 263 of the 470 candidates were women, which is 56%.

The right to education and work, social and health care, defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Art. 16, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26), are a priority in Cuba. The state continuously allocates over 20% of the social budget, which makes Cuba one of the leading countries in the world.

In addition to the Family Law, in 2022 the Cuban Parliament adopted a set of other laws (Criminal Code, Law on the Procedure for the Protection of Constitutional Rights, Law on Criminal Procedure, Law on Administrative Procedure, Law on People's Courts, and the Election Law), which of human and other rights, raised to an even higher level, and all in accordance with the Universal Declaration from 1948 and later United Nations conventions.

The Association of Serbian-Cuban Friendship, Belgrade, assesses that the Republic of Cuba made a significant step forward in terms of human rights, and created a serious legal framework for raising them to the highest level in the world, following the provisions defined in the Universal Declaration and other acts of the OUN, and reached standards in the world.

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