



**THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA
SAINT LUCIA**

Rodney Bay, August 8, 2018

Marlene Alexander
President
Humanistic Solidarity Association Saint Lucia - Cuba

Dear Marlene,

I am writing to you on the occasion of the General Meeting of that beloved Association, on August 18, 2018.

First of all we want to recognize the excellent work done by that Association under your Leadership. The Association has successfully contributed to the strengthening of friendship between the peoples of Cuba and Saint Lucia. The Association's support for the fight against the unjust economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba, the US Naval Base presence in Guantanamo and the US immigration policies that damage relations with Cuba, is reason for recognition.

The Association has carried out important activities with excellent quality: expressing respect for the legacy of the National Hero of Cuba, Jose Marti and of the Leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro; the celebration of March 8, International Women's Day; the Excursion to Cuba on the occasion of May Day and important Cultural Activities in the south of Saint Lucia, among others. We wish to highlight here also the noble and unforgettable gesture of the monetary donation to the Cuban people after the devastating passage of the hurricanes of 2017. These actions demonstrate with facts the firm friendship that this Association has been able to consolidate for the benefit of our peoples.

The Association has also developed an effective work in the communication of the truth about Cuba, before the constant efforts of some international media to distort the reality of our country.

Dear President,

On August 23, 2019, Cuba and Saint Lucia will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, the same year in which, on February 22, that anniversary of the independence of Saint Lucia will be recognized.

The activism of that Association, and its exchange with the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), is also a success of the relations of our peoples, which are developed in the areas of health, infrastructure, sports, culture, education and agriculture, among others.

In this historical moment of renewal of the Cuban Revolution, we wish to thank you and that Association deeply, your firm friendship, which will continue to be added to that of all our Caribbean friends, for the integration and defense of our Latin American and Caribbean region.

I conclude by recalling the words of the historical leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, in one of his last interventions, on April 19, 2016: *"To our brothers in Latin America and the world we must convey to them that the Cuban people will win."*

I ask you to convey our warmest congratulations to that Association for all the work done, which becomes more important every year.

Receive all a fraternal greeting,



Jorge Soberon
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