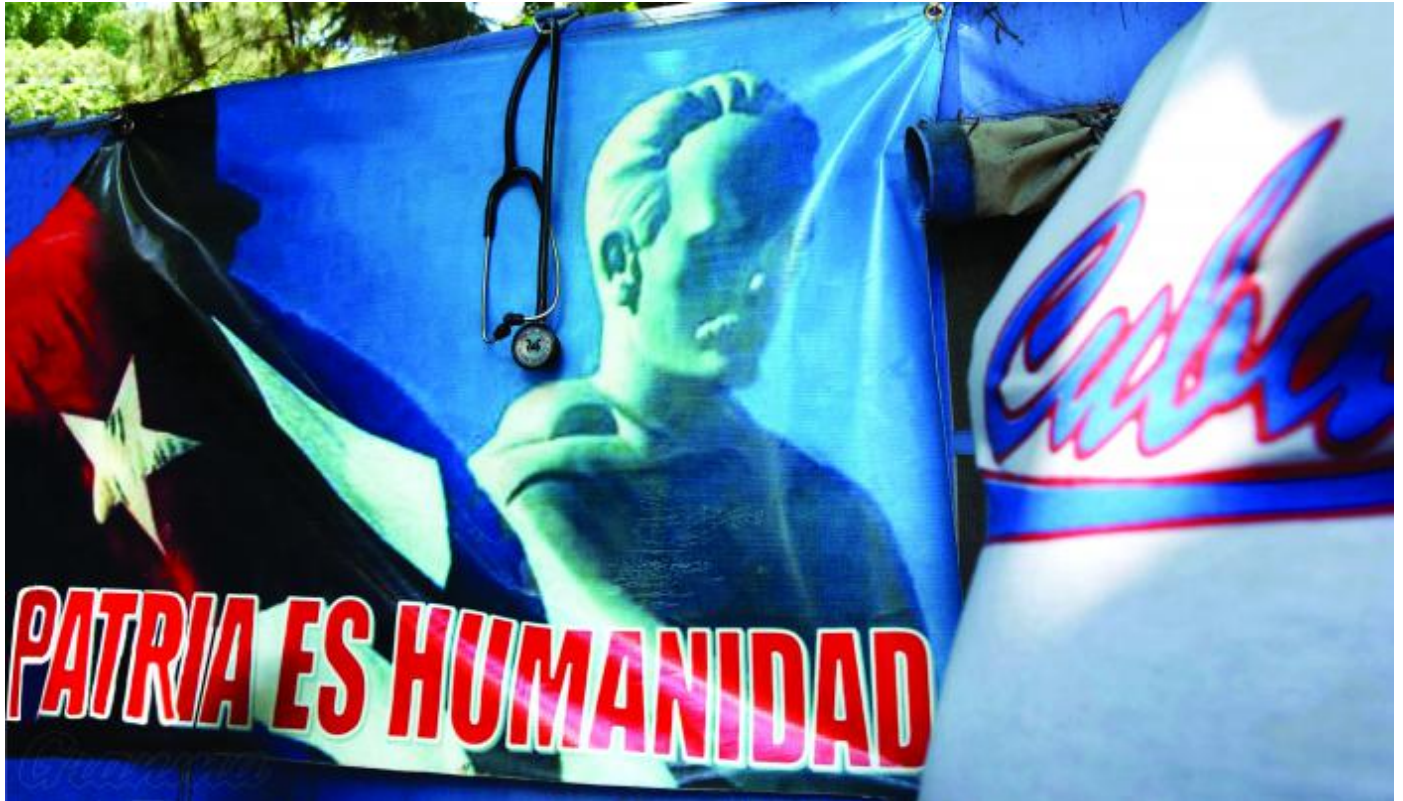


[Consejo Mundial por la Paz registra candidatura de médicos de la Henry Reeve al Nobel de la Paz](#)



Mediante una carta enviada al Comité Nobel de Noruega, el Consejo Mundial por la Paz registró, formalmente, la candidatura del Contingente Internacional de Médicos Especializados en Situaciones de Desastre y Graves Epidemias Henry Reeve, de Cuba, al Premio Nobel de la Paz.

Luego de resaltar los grandes desafíos que para la humanidad ha significado la pandemia de la COVID-19, y el rol esencial que resulta la solidaridad internacional para el alivio de las personas que más sufren con tales emergencias, la misiva llama la atención sobre la labor de los profesionales de la Mayor de las Antillas: «vemos como el más sincero ejemplo de tal solidaridad internacional el trabajo que el contingente médico cubano Henry Reeve ha venido realizando desde mucho antes de que se anunciara el brote del coronavirus».

Al enumerar las decenas de países que en las distintas regiones del mundo han asistido, exalta que esa labor altruista no es algo coyuntural, sino que califica como parte de «una tradición duradera cubana de cuidado humanista de otros pueblos que es llevada a cabo incluso enfrentados a desafíos económicos extremos para la Isla, la cual sufre sanciones extremadamente duras que, en un fuerte contraste con la disposición de los cubanos, también duran más de seis décadas e imponen serias privaciones al pueblo».

Enviado «en representación de docenas de comités nacionales por la paz en aproximadamente cien países», el mensaje destaca cómo, antes de multiplicarse en las naciones que los solicitaron para enfrentar la COVID-19, los especialistas cubanos ya habían colaborado «para superar los efectos de 16 inundaciones, ocho huracanes, ocho terremotos y cuatro epidemias».

Al rubricar que el Contingente Henry Reeve ha estado «salvando incontables vidas y mostrando la empatía y bondad humanas por las cuales siguen siendo recordados dondequiera que han estado», considera que, acorde con el objetivo que promueve el consejo firmante, su trabajo «es clave en la construcción de paz en medio de conflictos violentos y estructurales», y para que «las personas puedan tener cubiertas sus necesidades más básicas en condiciones de desastres y de extrema pobreza».

En contraposición a la intensa campaña de descrédito financiada por Estados Unidos contra la colaboración de la Isla, la formalización de la candidatura sella un pronunciamiento internacional unánime que exalta la noble actitud de la Medicina cubana, cuyos profesionales, tal cual dijo recientemente en la onu el Presidente cubano Miguel Díaz-Canel, reciban o no el Nobel, «hace años que ganaron el reconocimiento de los pueblos bendecidos por su labor sanitaria».



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To the Norwegian Nobel Committee
Mrs. Berit Reiss-Andersen, Chair

**Subject: Nobel Peace Prize nomination for
the "Henry Reeve" International Contingent of Doctors**

Dear members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee,
Dear Mrs. Berit Reiss-Andersen, Chair

We address you in a time of great challenges for humanity and also a time of the greatest need for solidarity. The COVID-19 pandemic is yet another instance of how essential international solidarity is in the promotion of a just peace and the alleviation of people's suffering during emergencies. And it is in this sense that we see as the most sincere example of such international solidarity the work that the Cuban medical contingent "Henry Reeve" has been performing since much before the coronavirus outbreak was announced. That fact leads us to urge you to acknowledge how valiant and exemplary the group's endeavor is by endowing it the Nobel Peace Prize.

The various Cuban medical groups currently work saving lives in 24 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean; 27 African countries; 2 in the Middle East and 7 in Asia. They have been bringing people humanitarian medical assistance for about 60 years, in a long lasting Cuban tradition of humanist care for other peoples which is carried out even in the face of dire economic challenges for the Island, which suffers from the extremely harsh sanctions that, in a stark contrast with Cubans' disposition, also lasts over six decades and impose grave hardships on the Cuban people. Still, Cubans have overcome this barrier to show the world how best to build peace and bridge, so that other peoples may have the chance to overcome their own challenges and not lose their lives before they accomplish that. The Cuban brigades have worked in countries such as Peru, in the aftermath of the 1970 devastating earthquake that killed 80,000 people and displaced thousands of families (note that Cuba and Peru did not have diplomatic relations and still, the former has sent assistance); in Haiti, during the cholera crisis; in various African countries, fighting Ebola; and Latin America and the Caribbeans, with a wide range of programs that helped thousands of people.

The "Henry Reeve brigades", as the emergency contingent is known, have a gigantic task that only a humanist endeavor could accomplish as it has. This huge challenge is in the

designation: the International Contingent of Doctors Specialized in Disaster Situations and Serious Epidemics. The contingent was launched in 2005 and named in honor of a young US activist who decided to join Cuba's Liberation Army in solidarity with the Cuban's struggle for independence. In about 28 brigades sent to 22 countries since its creation, more than 7,950 professionals have worked to surmount the effects of 16 floods, eight hurricanes, eight earthquakes and four epidemics. In the fight against COVID 19, the ever brave Cuban physicians promptly headed to several countries, including Italy, which was in March 2020 amongst the hardest hit by the outbreak. The brigades were requested by the governments of countries such as Venezuela, Nicaragua, Italy, Suriname, Jamaica, Granada, Andorra, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Haiti, Dominica, Belize, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, and Antigua and Barbuda.

There are 14 such brigades working with over 500 specialized doctors and other health professionals, valiant men and women who have been bringing much needed assistance to peoples in various countries and all continents, saving countless lives and showing the humane empathy and kindness for which they remain known wherever they have visited. This work is key in building peace amidst violent and structural conflicts and in setting conditions for people to have their most basic needs met in conditions of disaster and extreme impoverishment. For this principled commitment to peace and solidarity turned into concrete, verifiable action, hence, the brigades are more than qualified for the Nobel Peace Prize.

For that reason, representing dozens of national peace committees in about 100 countries that are members of our World Peace Council, we join countless other organizations, parliamentarians, and diverse peace-loving-people in endorsing the nomination of the Henry Reeve contingent for the Nobel Peace Prize. The WPC is an international non-governmental organization relentlessly promoting peace and opposing wars, with consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Sincerely yours

Socorro Gomes



President of the World Peace Council and former Federal Deputy in the Brazilian House of Representatives.

Thanassis Pafilis



General Secretary of the World Peace Council, member of the Hellenic Parliament



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