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"Let it be the merits, the ability, the creative spirit and what man can contribute to the well-being of humanity that determine their differences and not theft, speculation or the exploitation of the weaker. A humane spirit should truly be proclaimed, not with hypocritical words but with deeds"

References to the original: [Speech given on the 40th Anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution. held at Cespedes Park in Santiago de Cuba on January 1st,1999](#)

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