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### EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA IN THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

#### The solidarity assistance offered by Cuba to Haiti.

- At the time the earthquake shook Haiti, around 400 Cuban cooperators were working in that brotherly country free -of-charge.
- Cuban doctors started to offer their services right after the earthquake took place. It has been the most important medical assistance received by the Haitian people in the first 72 hours and it was practically the only medical assistance they are receiving at that time.
- On January 13th, more than 60 health cooperators reinforced the medical brigade in Port-au-Prince, among them there are specialists from the *Henry Reeve* Contingent for emergency situations with experience in similar disasters.
- This medical brigade carried medicines, provisioning, food, serum and plasma bags with them.
- Until Thursday, January 14, at 20:00 hrs, 1 987 patients had been treated and 111 surgical interventions had been performed at 5 assistance locations in Port-au-Prince.
- Furthermore, Cuban cooperators at other Haitian departments started to work at the 6th location for medical attention, set up at *Delmas 33* Hospital.



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- Around 400 Haitian youths, who were trained as doctors in Cuba, work today alongside the Cuban reinforcements to save lives in this critical situation.
- Cuba authorized immediately, upon request, to use the Cuban air space in the Eastern territory of our country by US airplanes.
- Cuba is willing to cooperate with all nations on the ground, including the United States, in order to assist the Haitian people and save lives, since Cuba has the personal and the necessary infrastructure in that country to do so.
- Right now, Cuba is cooperating with Venezuela, Namibia and Norway, to support the Haitian people.
- We are also cooperating with China, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Russia.
- We have addressed the PAHO requesting logistical support, expendable surgical material, hospital support and other necessary materials to guarantee medical assistance in Haiti.

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