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Subject: *WFDY Summer 2009 activities in Cuba*

Dear comrades,

Warm greetings from Budapest!

The year of 2009 is for all the anti-imperialist youth of the world a very special year. On the one hand, it is the year that marks the 60th Anniversary of NATO, sixty years of crimes, destruction and killing against all those who somehow struggled against imperialism. On the other hand, it is also the year of the 50th Anniversary of the Glorious Cuban Revolution, a significant of example to all that, despite the massive imperialist attacks by all means, it is possible to build a country of peace, progress and sovereignty in our time!

Being this year such a special year, WFDY is preparing very important youth, international, mass participated activities, to allow young people from all over the world to exchange their experiences on the struggle against imperialism and to share with the glorious Cuban people their experience of leading a country in the way for development and the end of all inequalities between people.

In this sense, this summer, WFDY is organizing an international ten days voluntary work brigade to Cuba, in the framework of the fiftieth anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and a three days of seminars (from 28 to 30 of July), under the slogan “We will defeat imperialism!”, specially held to celebrate the 50 years of the Cuban Revolution and to denounce the 60 years of crimes of NATO.

In order not to demand too much from the Cuban comrades as hosts, WFDY and UJC Cuba have taken the decision that not all the brigades should be at the same time, and the only moment when all participants shall be together will be for the “We will defeat imperialism!” event (28 to 30 July).

The first group will participate in the brigade before the international events (from 17 to 27 July) and the second group will participate in the brigade after the international events (from July 31 to August 10). This means both groups will be the same time in Cuba (15 days, including arrival and departure days), but not during the same period. [For more clear view, check the technical information on page 3]

As a matter of big responsibility we ask you to start your arrangements right away, as there is no possibility to open exceptions on the dates or to move the event. Moreover, we believe this is an important opportunity for a big mass anti-imperialist international youth activity. Being so, we require that by May 8 (WFDY GC Meeting) you provide the information of the name and passport details of all delegates of your organization.

We remind you that only participants in the brigades can take part in the three days of seminars.

In the coming pages you will find some technical information that can help you, however we encourage all organizations to contact us in case of any query. The concrete contents of this event (panels, discussions, etc.) are to be discussed in WFDY GC Meeting to take place in Havana, Cuba, on May 8 and 9. Propaganda materials will be delivered by WFDY in all the coming international events and will also be available in WFDY’s website (www.wfdy.org) in the “Activities” section.

We look forward to hear from you and to have a huge, international youth event, as it will be another step to make sure WE WILL DEFEAT IMPERIALISM!

Comradely yours,

The CC/HQ of WFDY



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Technical information about the International Brigades of Voluntary work

- Every brigade will be composed by minimum 10 members and maximum 40, despite the fact there is no limit to the amount of people of each organization. However, if they exceed the number of 40 they will be split into two brigades.
- Every organization must send a list of the delegation to WFDY with their passport numbers and sex a month before their arrival in Cuba, and confirm date and flight of the arrival and departure 15 days before their arrival in Cuba.
- The VISA to be asked in every Embassy or Consulate must be A-6, (event visa), and the Foreign Affairs Department of UJC will make the necessary procedure. For this reason it must be sent the name and surname of each member of the brigade, date and place of birth, occupation, nationality and passport number.
- The brigades cover their costs that will vary according with the number of members of the brigade and the number of days of their stay in Cuba. To get this calculation all organizations must contact WFDY who will process the information. Then, the cost of the program must be sent through bank transfer to the CUBAMAR Agency, in charge of all the logistic [WFDY will later provide more details]. This transfer must be sent always one month days before their arrival in Cuba.
- All the payments should be done in CUC (Cuban Convertible Pesos). The brigades can bring Euros or American dollars and do the change in Cuba, with the currency change of that moment. You may go to the Web page of the Cuban National Bank and be updated about the currency change.
- We should inform to all the Brigades that the American dollar have a 20% tax over the change of CUC.
- In case of passport loss, the affected person must go personally to the Embassy or Consulate of his/her country in Cuba to make the necessary documents or oficial safe-conduct that authorize him/her to leave Cuba and to enter his/her country.
- The A-6 Visa will be authorized for 30 days. In case a member of the brigade need or desire to extend his/her visa, he/she must pay \$25.00 CUC and the Foreign Affairs Department of UJC will do the necessary procedure in the offices of Immigration Laws.
- In case of plane ticket, the affected person must go personally to the offices of the Airliner which he/she travelled and pay to the airliner the necessary amount for a new ticket.
- Every member of the brigade must pay \$25.00 CUC as Airport Tax when they leave Cuba.
- Every brigade will have a political program in the capital and will have meetings with youth and students organizations, besides they will visit places of historical and social interest. Then they will have some days dedicated to the voluntary work in a province of the country, in different tasks of agriculture or construction.
- Every brigade will be accompanied by cadre of the UJC or a student leader. The translation needs will be guaranteed in English, French and German.
- In case the brigades need translation into another language, the brigade must inform this at least 15 days before their arrival.
- In case the brigades need an invitation card, the International Relations Department will send it to the different countries either in Spanish or English if necessary.
- The UJC must be informed if any member of the delegation has a physical handicap, or if any member is suffering a disease. We should be also informed if any member is vegetarian or has any food restrictions. Please be specific in any case.
- If the brigade wants to bring donations, please inform this previously to make the respect contact at the customs.
- The programs the brigades will carry out shall be sent to the different countries previously to know the opinions, and if there is any suggestion, so when the members arrive to Cuba no change can be done.



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Explanation on the groups plan

Day	Group 1	Group 2
17 Jul	Arrival of delegations	
18 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
19 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
20 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
21 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
22 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
23 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
24 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
25 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
26 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
27 Jul	Brigade in Cuba	
28 Jul	"We will defeat imperialism"	"We will defeat imperialism"
29 Jul	"We will defeat imperialism"	"We will defeat imperialism"
30 Jul	"We will defeat imperialism"	"We will defeat imperialism"
31 Jul	Departure of delegations	Brigade in Cuba
01.aug		Brigade in Cuba
02.aug		Brigade in Cuba
03.aug		Brigade in Cuba
04.aug		Brigade in Cuba
05.aug		Brigade in Cuba
06.aug		Brigade in Cuba
07.aug		Brigade in Cuba
08.aug		Brigade in Cuba
09.aug		Brigade in Cuba
10.aug		