

More cultural voices against new Trump anti-Cuba policy



More than two thousand cultural figures from Cuba and abroad have supported their Cuban colleagues' declaration against Trump's new Cuba policy.

In the declaration the Cuban Writers and Artists Association –UNEAC- urge its US counterparts to continue strengthening friendly ties and cooperation links with Cuba to face «the unusual change of policy toward our country, made public by the President of the United States in Miami last June 16th».

Many important intellectuals have raised their voices against and supported the declaration, including prima ballerina assoluta Alicia Alonso, singer-songwriter Silvio Rodríguez; writers Graziella Pogolotti and Roberto Fernández Retamar; moviemakers Juan Padrón, Rigoberto López and Jorge Perugorría; fine artists Flora Fong, Ever Fonseca and Alfredo Sosabravo, and other important names from the island's cultural scene.

Also joining the statement was the so called Diva of the Buena Vista Social Club Omara Portuondo, singer and musician Eliades Ochoa well as Samuel Formell, the director of the famous Cuban Los Van Van band, claiming they oppose what they call <<the old-fashioned discourse, full of lies and stereotypes by the US President>>.

Cuban sax player César López called Trump «an extremely arrogant man», while renowned Cuban actor Luis Alberto García said about the Florida mercenaries who accompanied the US leader during the signing of the anti-Cuba policy: «it's impossible by all means to pay attention to a group of Cubans who assure they want the best for their people and intend to do it under a flag and national anthem that are not those of their country of origin. It's weird, very weird. It's smells of annexationism 90 miles away».

Other messages of support for the Cuban intellectuals' declaration have come from renowned US filmmaker, Oliver Stone, Italian journalist and documentary maker Gianni Miná, and renowned Uruguayan singer-songwriter, Daniel Viglietti.

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