Cuba solidarity groups in the U.S. issue statement on the island's international medical assistance



Havana, March 30 (RHC)-- The National Network on Cuba (NNC), an umbrella organization that groups various organizations in the United States that oppose Washington's blockade on Cuba, the travel ban, and normalizing bilateral relations, issued a statement condemning the Trump Administration's slander campaign against Cuba's international medical cooperation.

After recalling that the Cuban members of the Henry Reeve international medical brigades were welcomed with cheers of appreciation upon their arrival and work in Italy, the NNC describes U.S. reaction to the Cuban humanitarian response as beyond disgraceful and irresponsible.

The U.S. Department of State has warned countries not to seek help from Cuba stating: "Cuba offers its international medical missions to those afflicted with #COVID?19 only to make up the money it lost when countries stopped participating in the abusive program,"

The National Network on Cuba and its nearly forty U.S. organizations forcefully condemn this false and misleading characterization of Cuba's medical solidarity.

Cubans served in Haiti after the earthquake, in Africa combating Ebola, even offering aid to the U.S. victims of Hurricane Katrina. Cuba is cooperating not only in treating patients but also has shared its pharmaceutical drug, Interferon Alpha-2B Recombinant (IFNrec).

The United States not only criticizes Cuba, it has not offered any medical cooperation or solidarity to affected countries dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic.

The full text of the NNC statement can be accessed here.

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