## Statement from members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - unicameral parliament of Ukraine to Assembly of the Cuban Resistance

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We, people's deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, after the beginning of the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine, are deeply concerned about the presence and participation of forces and mercenaries loyal to the dictatorship in the Republic of Cuba in the genocidal invasion of the territory of Ukraine.

We are watching how the regime in Havana supports Russian aggression in the international diplomatic arena. The statements of the country's leadership often echo Russian propaganda. The Republic of Cuba has never condemned the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, its violation of the territorial integrity of Ukraine, the militarization of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, or the violation of human rights, neither at the UN nor at other international platforms and forums. Officially, the Republic of Cuba always votes together with the Russian Federation.

The military component of the cooperation of the Republic of Cuba with the Putin regime is a clear signal to the free world about the threat posed by the regime in Havana today.

In connection with the persecution of the opposition and the direct involvement of mercenaries of the Republic of Cuba in aggression against Ukraine, we:

- call on the Republic of Cuba to immediately stop supporting the Russian Federation, which commits war crimes, crimes against humanity, and terrorist acts against Ukraine, as well as to condemn the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine at the diplomatic level;
- call on the international community, the European Union and the Paris Club to take all possible response measures aimed at ending economic cooperation with the regime in Havana, in particular, funding from European institutions.

When the Russian Federation falls, so will its satellites. Today, Ukraine is fighting not only for its own freedom, and not only for European freedom, but also for the freedom of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America enslaved by pro-Moscow regimes.

Best regards

People's deputies of Ukraine [signatures below]

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Ricardo Godoy, Congressman of El Salvador, and delegate representing the Assembly of the Cuban Resistance on a recent trip to Poland and Ukraine, showcases images of Cuban female political prisoners, along with Maryan Zablotskyi (left) and Oleksandr Merezhko (center), chairman of Ukraine's committee on foreign relations.