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Dear sisters and friends of the world:

The government of United States, since the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, in its desperate attempts to stop the advancement of the economic, social and political transformations of the Cuban social project; have put forward the economic, financial and commercial blockade against our country, undermining our legitimate right to sovereignty, independence and self determination.

During almost five decades we have resisted the most brutal and illegal aggression that constitutes a violation of human rights of Cuban women and men. This blockade, the longest and the most unjust policy any country has ever been subjected to, constitutes a genocide act that has caused extraordinary damages and effects that account for more than **93 billion dollars**.

The Bush fascist government systematically recruits actions against Cuba with absolute impunity. Though the monopoly they exert over media they publish without any scruple any kind of lies that distort our reality. They hide our example, for the world not to know our capacity to resist and reach victory despite obstacles and difficulties.

They try again to confuse the world with this dirty policy. While we received thousands of solidarity actions and expressions and collaboration from many parts of the planet, due to the negative effects caused to our island by the hurricanes Gustav and Ike; the government of the United States, using a demagogic and double standard discourse, offered Cuba their “**help**”. How much is the irrationality in this offering, conditioned by sending beforehand a Commission for Evaluation of Damages!!!

The Federation of Cuban Women, together with our people, and with the spirit of confidence to triumph in the face of this new US fallacy--aimed at creating the false image that Cuba is refusing to accept their help, carry out many recuperation tasks and we call upon our sisters and friends of the world to add their voices to put an end to the blockade. We do not reject the support of those organizations or persons in United States or any other part of the world that want to help with good will. What we won't accept are conditions and donations coming from a government that has kept Cuba blockaded for almost 50 years.

We Cuban women, once again reaffirm our decision to resist and continue advancing in the construction of our social project.

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