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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and has the honor to transmit the following letter from Secretary of State James A. Baker, III to His Excellency Boyko Dimitrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bulgaria. No signed original will follow.

Dear Mr. Minister:

On March 6, the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) adopted a resolution reflecting concern with the continued deterioration of the human rights situation in Cuba and, in particular, the Cuban government's treatment of human rights activists. This was the result of the efforts of many countries and is an important milestone for the UNHRC and the Cuban people.

I am pleased that Bulgaria voted for this resolution showing that the international community holds Cuba to the same standards of behavior it expects from other countries around the world. You and your government deserve the gratitude and congratulations of human rights advocates everywhere for your stand. I look forward to further cooperation between our governments on this and other important issues.

Sincerely,

/s/

James A. Baker, III

His Excellency,

Boyko Dimitrov,

Minister of Foreign Affairs