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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 May 2025 on the EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA).

The PDCA has been operational since 2017. Currently, in the midst of Cuba's severe economic crisis and broader global instability, the objectives of this Agreement remain relevant.

The PDCA gives us a structured framework to address our differences with Cuba. While it has not yet delivered as much as we would hope, it has contributed and accompanied meaningful developments over the years, including amongst other increased high-level contacts between Cuba and the EU (including its Member States), the emergence of an incipient private sector, higher acceptance by Cuba of human rights-related recommendations in the UN framework, and progress - even if imperfect - in relation to the release of detainees.

The PDCA is not a miracle solutions and many challenges remain. However, an approach of disengagement and isolation has not demonstrated to be more efficient. We consider that, at this stage, the Agreement remains the best option to promote our values, defend our interests, support reform and counter the influence of other global actors.

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

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