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Mr. Chairman,

First and foremost, we congratulate you and the members of the Bureau for your election and assure you of the full cooperation and support of Cuba for the development of a fruitful 75<sup>th</sup> session of the Sixth Committee.

We thank the Secretary-General for presenting his report

Despite the existing bilateral mechanisms for cooperation in the fight against terrorism, the Department of State has arbitrarily and unilaterally included Cuba in the list of countries that supposedly do not fully cooperate in the fight against terrorism. This list, well-known for its lack of foundation, authority or international support, seeks defamation and coercion against countries that refuse to abide by the will of the US government in their sovereign decisions.

Paradoxically, the US government has chosen not to

By refusing to characterize this serious attack as terrorist, the US government disregards the implementation of international instruments such as the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, listed as one of the UN system conventions on terrorism and of which both countries are Party.

This terrorist act is the direct result of the aggressive policy and hate speech by the US government against Cuba, and the permanent incitement to violence by its politicians, including senior officials of the Department of State; as well as by anti-Cuban extremist groups that have made this type of attacks their means of living.

The groups and individuals who have committed terrorist actions in the past have operated with impunity on US soil for years, of which the US law enforcement agencies are fully aware. An example of this is the case of the notorious terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, who died a free man, despite having confessed to be the mastermind of the