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STATEMENT ON THE SEVENTY-ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONCADA ATTACK

The Moncada barracks in Santiago de Cuba came under attack on July 26, 1953, by a group of 136 men and women commanded by Fidel Castro. This attack would change the direction and destiny of the Cuban people and the world. They were inspired by a desire to establish a just, humane, and dignified society and repudiated Fulgencio Batista's decadent neo-colonial rule. Despite failing in its immediate goal, the attack precipitated a chain of events that culminated in the creation of the 26 July Movement (M-26), a vanguard devoted to mobilizing the Cuban people around a revolutionary program and clear about its revolutionary goal. This will result in the triumph of the Cuban revolution. The M-26 fought against American colonial dominance over Cuba and lost one battle but won the war for self-determination and liberation from oppression.

On this historic day, the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) joins forces with all anti-imperialist movements and forces committed to advancing human dignity to pay tribute to the unwavering Cuban Revolution. The M-26 occasion's symbolism provides us with guidance for our own efforts to transform Ghana and the world qualitatively. It teaches us the value of putting the masses at the centre of any societal transformation. It motivates and encourages us in our fight against the comprador and neo-colonial elements in our society, whose sole goal is to enable the ongoing exploitation of our people and natural resources by foreign capital.

We recognize the immense significance of the Cuban Revolution, which is rooted in the values of international solidarity and an anti-capitalist mode of organizing the necessities of humanity such as food, cloth, shelter, and healthcare. The United States of America and its allies have tried to isolate Cuba for more than 60 years through an economic blockade, but they have been unsuccessful. Cuban doctors and medical professionals have selflessly travelled to some of the most disadvantaged regions in the world, providing healthcare to those in need. As a result of Cuba's commitment to education, thousands of students from around the world have received training that will enable them to contribute to their national development. Cuba has over the years given vital help to other countries resisting oppression and imperialism, providing medical care, educational opportunities, and military assistance.

The SMG salutes the Cuban people's resistance against imperialism and their efforts to build a just society. On the 70th anniversary of the Moncada attack, the SMG calls for the immediate lifting of illegitimate sanctions on Cuba and proclaims its commitment to revolutionary internationalism. We support Cuba's example as it serves as a beacon for the path to a just and democratic society.

Viva la Revolución Cubana!

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