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Eusebio Mujal, Secretary General, Cuban CTC (Cuban Confederation of Labor) today issued following signed statement:

"A meeting is being held in Mexico attended by various so-called labor leaders who do not represent any central labor union of Latin America, with the exception of the CGT (General Confederation of Labor) of Argentina. The meeting is said to be directed against the imperialism of Moscow and of Washington. In substance it is nothing more than a Peronista maneuver, attempting to divide the Proletariat of Latin America, charging that we (especially the Cuban Confederation of Labor) are in the service of the United States and that the American Federation of Labor, the CIO, the Lewis Mine Workers, etc., are agents of the United States Foreign Office. The calumny is being handled with the same arrogance used by the Communists or any of those elements in the service of the dictatorships who under varying garb live in many countries of Latin America; to the misfortune of the workers and the democratic ideology which we fully defend. This meeting in Mexico is being attended by several Cubans, who do not represent the Cuban Confederation of Labor, for we belong to the CIO SL, an international agency created with our cooperation in London three years ago as opposed to the World Labor Federation which is still controlled by Saillant and other agents of Moscow communism. We also belong to the ORIT (inter-American regional labor organization), that is to say, to the affiliated branch of the CIO SL in all America, North, Central, and South. Therefore the Cuban Confederation of Labor repudiates the meeting now taking place in Mexico as a maneuver aimed at dividing, we condemn it, and we denounce it before all labor opinion in the world and in America. Furthermore, the Cubans who are attending do not represent any union organization and at the meeting of the executive committee of the Cuban Confederation of Labor tomorrow I shall propose--and I am sure that my proposal will be approved because we have always complied with our national and international commitments--that these fellow workers be given a period of one week in which to renounce their participation in the said Peronista organization or they will be barred from the organized labor movement, that is, from the unions, from the federations, and from the Cuban Confederation of Labor."

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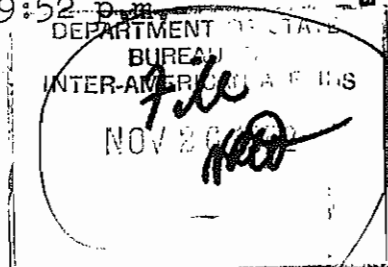
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"SE ESTA CELEBRANDO EN MEXICO UNA REUNION DONDE ASISTEN ALGUNOS LLAMADOS DIRIGENTES OBREROS QUE NO REPRESENTAN A NINGUNA CENTRAL SINDICAL DE AMERICA LATINA CON LA EXCEPCION DE LA CGT DE LA ARGENTINA. LA REUNION DICE ORIENTARSE CONTRA EL IMPERIALISMO DE MOSCU Y CONTRA EL DE WASHINGTON. EN EL FONDO NO ES MAS QUE UNA MANIOBRA PERONISTA PROCURANDO DIVIDIR EL PROLETARIADO DE LATINO-AMERICA IMPUTANDONOS A NOSOTROS (EN EXPECIAL A LA CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA) QUE ESTAMOS AL SERVICIO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y QUE LA FEDERACION AMERICANA DEL TRABAJO EL CIO, LOS MINEROS DE LEWIS, ETC., SON AGENTES DE LA CANCELLERIA AMERICANA. LA CALUMNIA ES MANEJADA CON EL MISMO DESPARPAJO CONQUE LA MUEVEN LOS COMUNISTAS O CUALQUIERA DE LOS ELEMENTOS QUE ESTAN AL SERVICIO DE LAS DISTADURAS QUE CON DISTINO ROPAJE VIVEN MUCHOS PAISES DE AMERICA LATINA PARA DESGRACIA DE LOS TRABAJADORES Y DE LA IDOLOGIA DEMOCRATICA QUE NOSOTROS DEFENDEMOS A PLENITUD. A ESTA REUNION DE MEXICO ASISTEN ALGUNOS CUBANOS QUE NO REPRESENTAN A LA CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA YA QUE NOSOTROS PERTENECEMOS AL CIO SL ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONAL CREADO CON NUESTRA COOPERACION EN LONDRES HACE TRES ANOS FRENTE A LA FEDERACION SINDICAL MUNDIAL QUE ESTA TODAVIA CONTROLADA POR SAILLANT Y OTROS AGENTES DEL COMUNISMO DE MOSCU. TAMBIEN PERTENECEMOS A LA ORIT (ORGANIZACION REGIONAL INTERAMERICANA DE TRABAJADORES) ES DECIR EL RAMAL DEL CIO SL EN TODA LA AMERICA TANTO DEL NORTE COMO DEL CENTRO Y DEL SUR. POR TANTO LA CTC RECHAZA LA REUNION QUE SE ESTA EFECTUANDO EN ESTOS MOMENTOS EN MEXICO COMO UNA MANIOBRA DIVISIONISTA LA CONTENAMOS Y LA DENUNCIAMOS ANTE TODA LA OPINION OBRERA DEL MUNDO Y DE AMERICA. POR OTRA PARTE LOS CUBANOS QUE HAN ASISTIDO NO LLEVAN REPRESENTACION DE ENTIDAD SINDICAL ALGUNU Y MANANA EN LA REUNION DEL COMITE EJECUTIVO DE LA CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE CUBA PONDRÉ -- Y TENGO LA SEGURIDAD DE QUE SE APROBARA PROQUE SIEMPRE HEMOS CUMPLIDO NUESTROS COMPROMISOS INTERNACIONALES Y NACIONALES -- QUE SE LE CONCEDA A ESTOS COMPANEROS EL PLAZO DE 1 SEMANA PARA QUE O RENUNCIEN A FORMAR PARTE DE DICHO ORGANISMO PERONISTA O SERAN SEPARADOS DEL MOVIMIENTO OBRERO ORGANIZADO ES DECIR TANTO DE LOS SINDICATOS COMO DE LAS FEDERACIONES Y DE LA CTC"

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