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Sinn Féin committed to deepening practical & political links between Cuba and Ireland – Kearney

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Sinn Féin National Chairperson Declan Kearney, joined a Party delegation which met the Cuban President Miguel Diaz Canel during his official visit to Ireland earlier this week.

Speaking afterwards the South Antrim MLA said:

"The visit by President Miguel Diaz Canel this week was historic. This was the first official trip by a Cuban President to Ireland.

"Cuba and Ireland enjoy very deep, mutual historic connections. Our countries share deep bonds of political and cultural solidarity. This fact was symbolised in the official welcome and reception for the President of Cuba hosted by our own President, Michael D Higgins, and the Irish Government.

"A Sinn Féin delegation headed by Party President Mary Lou Mc Donald TD, and including Gerry Adams TD, Seanadóir Paul Gavan, and myself, was delighted to have this opportunity to meet with the Cuban President in Dublin, at the invitation of the Cuban Ambassador to Ireland, Hugo Ramos.

"Sinn Féin possesses very strong solidarity links with the Cuban struggle for national and social liberation. It was especially appropriate that this official visit by the President coincided with the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution.

"The revolutionary process there has delivered massive social and economic transformations in

Cuban society. Its role in pioneering world class health care and educational provision for its own citizens has been inspirational.

"The commitment of Cuba to international solidarity, and in particular, by providing practical assistance to other developing countries is unparalleled.

"Sinn Féin remains committed to deepening the practical and political links between Ireland and Cuba, and in continuing to work closely with President Diaz Canel and his government in progressing our shared priorities of international solidarity, peace, equality, and social justice."

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