

## A BOAT FOR CUBA

For over 30 years the US has imposed a politically motivated trade blockade on Cuba, causing sharp problems for what is a third-world country lacking important economic and natural resources.

Despite the blockade, Cuba has defended its national sovereignty and made substantial progress in many areas, especially its development of an education system and a national health service which are superior to those of many richer countries.

Cuba continues to help several countries worse off than itself, especially through medical and technical assistance.

Additionally, because of difficulties in the Soviet Union, Cuba has not been receiving all the oil supplies that should have been arriving according to bilateral contracts.

For Cuba, a country without natural fuel resources, failure to receive these oil supplies on schedule has a disruptive effect on the economy and on social services like education and health.

Responding to the situation, a broad range of political, religious and cultural personalities in France initiated the Boat for Cuba Campaign.

This imaginative act of solidarity involves raising funds to charter an oil tanker for Cuba. It will cost 6 million French francs - about £700,000, which, it is hoped, will be achieved by autumn.

The campaign has already taken off in France, with similar supportive actions beginning in Spain and Germany.

In Britain, the campaign for A Boat for Cuba will organise meetings around the country and co-ordinate the collection of funds to be forwarded to the Paris-based organisation. All donations will be receipted.

- \* Support Cuba's national sovereignty and its right to self-determination.
- \* Demand an end to the US economic blockade.
- \* Demand an end to external interference in Cuba's internal affairs.
- \* Call for the normalisation of all diplomatic, economic, cultural and scientific relations with Cuba by the US government.

### ACT NOW

- Make a donation or take a collection among friends and work-mates for A Boat for Cuba.
- Endorse the appeal for Cuba's right to national sovereignty

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I/We endorse the Boat for Cuba Appeal and am/are willing for my/our name to appear as a sponsor

Signed..... Organisation(if appropriate).....

I/We enclose a donation of £..... for the Boat for Cuba Appeal

Please make cheques payable to A Boat for Cuba and return to:  
A Boat for Cuba, c/o Britain Cuba Resource Centre, Latin America House, Kingsgate Place,  
London NW6 4TA

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