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Letter dated 23 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to address you in your capacity as Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and to inform you of an excessive delay in the granting of visas for two Cuban representatives who have been appointed to permanent duty at the Mission of Cuba to the United Nations in New York.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Havana applied sufficiently in advance for the visas of the officials mentioned below, in accordance with the terms required by the host country.

The Third Secretary, Dania Rodriguez Casiñol, is scheduled to participate in the 2021 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, which will start on 30 August. Her visa was requested in April 2021, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not received any response yet.

On the other hand, the visa for the Attaché, Guillermo Téllez, was requested a year ago, in August 2020.

The United States Mission, as the host country, has the obligation to promptly grant visas to representatives of a Member State under sections 11 and 13 of the Headquarters Agreement, irrespective of the relations existing between the Governments of the experts designated.

The Mission expects that the United States takes appropriate measures to fulfil its obligations as a host country of the United Nations, as well as requests your good offices in solving this issue before the above-mentioned session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

Finally, I kindly request your good offices to have the present letter circulated as a document of the Committee, as well as to have this issue included on the agenda of its next meeting.

(Signed) Pedro L. **Pedroso Cuesta**
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Permanent Representative

