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Dmitry Medvedev: Distinguished President of the Cuban Council of State and the Council of Ministers Diaz-Canel,

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues,

Let me extend my heartfelt greetings to you. We appreciate it that this visit to Russia is your first visit outside the Latin American region.

Cuba remains our ally and our strategic partner. We are bound by years of very warm relations. Regardless of the changes we passed through our relations have always been at a very high level. I have warm memories of my visit to Cuba in 2013 and the decisions that were made at the time. We are glad to develop our cooperation further, including with you as the President of the Cuban Council of State and the Council of Ministers. I would also like to ask you to pass on my regards and sincere good wishes to Army General Raul Castro, with whom I have enjoyed years of warm and friendly relations.

Yesterday you held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, discussed

issues of international cooperation, the current situation in the world and economic ties between our two countries. You and I have just discussed some key matters as well. I believe that this should give a boost to our relations. Despite being good friends and partners, we still have much to accomplish in the economic sphere. We have a number of major projects that have not been implemented, and our trade and economic cooperation has an enormous potential. I hope that this major official visit to our country will give the needed impetus to our relations in these areas.

Once again, let me extend heartfelt greetings to you.

Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez (*via interpreter*): Mr Prime Minister, thank you for your kind words. Our relations are based on historical ties, so it is no wonder that the first country outside Latin America I visited is the Russian Federation.

We would like to confirm with this visit that the new administration maintains the continuity of the legacy of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro Ruz and Army General Raul Castro. We give the greatest priority to our relations with the Russian Federation. For us, these are strategic relations between allies. It is a certainty that our ties have remained unchanged and are part of the legacy. The Army General passed on his brotherly regards to you, and he and I are in agreement in our wish to invite you to visit Cuba when your schedule will permit. In addition, the goal of this visit is to review the progress made in our joint projects.

There are some highly symbolic things. It has been four years since the Russian President's visit to Cuba. That visit became a milestone and marked a new stage in our bilateral relations. It is apparent that the dynamics we see and feel today are a result of that visit in many respects.

We would like to thank you and your Government for help with the relief efforts in the wake of the last two hurricanes. The Russian Federation rendered aid and support following the hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Incidentally, just as we arrived in Russia, we learnt of Cuba's new victory in the UN General Assembly: the overwhelming majority of countries voted on the side of the Cuban revolution.

We can see the high level of our political ties and political dialogue, and we aspire for our economic relations, which are developing dynamically as well, to reach the same level as our political ties.

We have reviewed a group of projects that are currently being implemented, and we held a meeting with representatives of business and banking communities. All projects where the Russian Federation is involved are focused on strategic areas of our economic development: industry, transport, energy, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, and tourism. We would like to make progress in telecommunications and cyber security, as well as infrastructure in general. This proves that cooperation with the Russian Federation helps us develop our economy. I believe this to be true and we should highlight this.

[Dmitry Medvedev and President of the Cuban Council of State and the Council of Ministers Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez will meet in Moscow on 3 November to discuss major joint projects](#)

In the course of their talks, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and President of the Council of State and the Council of Ministers of Cuba Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez will discuss pressing issues of Russian-Cuban cooperation in trade, the economy, investment, science, and technology, culture and humanitarian sphere, as well as progress in the implementation of joint projects in energy, industry, transport and other areas.

President of the Cuban Council of State and the Council of Ministers Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez will be in Russia on an official visit at the invitation of President of Russia Vladimir Putin.

[Measures to implement Presidential Executive Order On Special Economic Measures in Connection with Ukraine's Unfriendly Actions towards Citizens and Legal Entities of the Russian Federation](#)

Special economic measures to be imposed on certain individuals and legal entities of Ukraine include the blocking (freezing) of their bank accounts, uncertificated securities and property in Russia and a ban on the transfer of money (withdrawal of capital) from Russia. The sanctions list includes 322

individuals and 68 legal entities. This Resolution is designed to counter Ukraine's unfriendly actions towards Russian citizens and legal entities and to encourage the normalisation of bilateral relations.

Submitted by the Finance Ministry in accordance with Presidential Executive Order No. 592, On Special Economic Measures in Connection with Ukraine's Unfriendly Actions towards Citizens and Legal Entities of the Russian Federation, dated 22 October 2018.

This Resolution is designed to counter Ukraine's unfriendly actions towards Russian citizens and legal entities, to ensure that the restrictions imposed by Ukraine on Russian citizens and legal entities are lifted and to encourage the normalisation of bilateral relations.

The special economic measures introduced by this Resolution against certain individuals and legal entities of Ukraine include the blocking (freezing) of their bank accounts, uncertificated securities and property in Russia and a ban on the transfer of money (withdrawal of capital) from Russia.

The sanctions list includes 322 individuals and 68 legal entities. The list of Ukrainian individuals and legal entities to be affected by these sanctions includes the judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, deputies of the 8th Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, major businesspeople, officials from the Executive Office of the President of Ukraine, heads of executive authorities of Ukraine and large Ukrainian companies, as well as legal entities that are controlled by major Ukrainian businesspeople.

At the same time, the Government of Russia reserves the right to cancel these special economic measures if Ukraine lifts the restrictions imposed on Russian individuals and legal entities.