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Cuba Repeats Support for Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights

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Geneva, Jul 3 (Prensa Latina) Cuba today repeated its support for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council, to which it was submitted recently as a show of its commitment to that mechanism, Cuban representative Pablo Berti noted.

When speaking at the 38th Ordinary Session of the Human Rights Council, the Cuban diplomat called on all countries to continue to work for the consolidation of the achievements and results of the UPR, which has proved to be effective and useful.

'No one could question its success, although the selectivity and politicization in the treatment of human rights have increasingly become entrenched in the Council's works,' he stressed.

In that regard, the Cuban representative expressed concern about the efforts to undermine the foundational bases of the UPR, and noted that 'achieving more efficiency of the Council cannot be used, under any concept, to eliminate the intergovernmental nature of the review.'

Berti favored taking into consideration the concerns of the States and strictly

complying with what was established in the institutional construction package.

'The universality of this mechanism is essential. So is the fair treatment of all members of the United Nations, bringing about an objective and periodic review, in a climate of respect and mutual cooperation,' he stated.

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