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Cuba releases statement on removal from US terrorist list

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Josefina Vidal, General Director for the United States of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, released an statement this Tuesday relating to the decision by the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.

Cuba News Agency now reproduces the full text of the press release:

In the afternoon of Tuesday, April 14, 2015, it was learned that the President of the United States, Barack Obama, had submitted the "Certification of Rescission of Cuba's Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism".

Through this measure, President Obama has decided to exclude Cuba from the list of state sponsors of international terrorism and report to this effect to the United States Congress, which will have 45 days to make known its decision.

The Cuban government recognizes the just decision taken by the President of the United States to eliminate Cuba from a list on which it never should have been included, especially considering that our country has been the victim of hundreds of acts of terrorism that have cost 3,478 lives and disabled 2,099 Cuban citizens.

As the Cuban government has reiterated on multiple occasions, Cuba rejects and condemns all acts of terrorism in all their forms and manifestations, as well as any action that is intended to instigate, support, finance or conceal terrorist acts.

Havana, April 14, 2015.

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