UNIÓN NACIONAL DE JURISTAS DE CUBA
El Presidente

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the National Union of Jurists of Cuba, I am pleased to extend my warm greetings and invite you to participate in the International Meeting that we will hold in Havana to mark the 80th anniversary of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL). We are confident that this meeting will provide a valuable opportunity to foster constructive dialogue on the challenges, motivations and commitments that unite us today in defence of democracy, justice, peace, the rule of law, international law and a new international order that is more just, equitable and inclusive.

As democratic lawyers and jurists, we share the responsibility to preserve the achievements secured through the defeat of fascism and the duty to contribute to collective struggles against oppression and discrimination, as well as to join forces in seeking alternatives that support developing nations and strengthen multilateralism.

We cannot ignore, dear colleagues, that our meeting will take place at a particularly difficult time for Cuba. The intensification of the economic, commercial and financial blockade — and, in particular, the restrictions on fuel supplies imposed since the beginning of 2026 — has exacerbated the difficulties facing the national electricity system and hindered access to essential medicines and medical supplies, directly affecting the lives and well-being of our people.

In these circumstances, celebrating the IADL's 80th anniversary in Havana is not merely a clear expression of solidarity with Cuba. It is a historic opportunity to reaffirm, with renewed determination, from the heart of a besieged Havana, our commitment to upholding international law and the right of peoples to self-determination, in the face of unilateral coercive measures, policies of isolation and other forms of pressure intended to bend their sovereign will.

We are convinced that our gathering will provide an important forum for strengthening alliances between our organisations and working together towards a future of shared development, in defence of the legacy we have won, humanism and anti-imperialism.

We look forward to welcoming you to Havana with open arms, with the joy of meeting again and the desire to renew together our commitment to justice, peace and international law.

With warm regards,

José Alexis Ginarte Gato
Presidente UNJC