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COMMUNIST PARTY OF SRI LANKA

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***Statement of Dew Gunasekara, General Secretary of the  
Communist Party of Sri Lanka on the release of Cuban  
Prisoners***

On behalf of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, I convey to Comrade Raul Castro, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, our fraternal felicitations and expressions of joy over the release of Cuban Prisoners – Gerardo, Ramon and Antonio and their return to the homeland and also the restoration of Diplomatic Relations between Cuba and United States.

Ever since the birth of the Socialist Republic of Cuba in 1959, the Communist Party in close collaboration with the Cuban Communists has been engaged in a massive world-wide campaign against the economic blockade and sanctions imposed by the U.S. Administrations which caused disastrous consequences to the Cuban economy for nearly 56 years. In this connection, we also recall our continued struggle demanding the release of the Cuban prisoners who were languishing for over 15 years in Guantanamo Prison in U.S.

I take this opportunity to salute the Cuban Leadership for their long and relentless struggle with determination and patience to have the Cuban heroes released.

  
**Dew Gunasekara**  
**General Secretary**  
**Communist party of Sri Lanka**