

# *Cuba Condemns Parliamentary Coup against Constitutional President in Brazil*

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Havana, September 1 (RHC)-- Cuba has strongly rejected the parliamentary and judicial coup perpetrated against constitutional Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

Upon learning of the impeachment of President Rousseff by the country's Senate, the Cuban government issued a statement, condemning what critics all over the world have also described as a political farce.

In the official statement, Cuba notes that the Brazilian government's estrangement from the President, without presenting any evidence of corruption or crimes of responsibility against her, constitutes an act of defiance against the sovereign will of the people (54 million Brazilians) who voted for her.

The Cuban government statement recalls that over the past 13 years of Workers' Party rule, the governments headed by Luis Inácio Lula da Silva and Dilma Rousseff implemented a socio-economic model that made it possible for Brazil to take a step forward in areas such as production growth with social inclusion, the creation of jobs, the fight against poverty, the eradication of extreme poverty among more than 35 million Brazilians and income increases for another 40 million people.

The statement also praises Brazil's performance under the Workers' Party governments as an active promoter of Latin American and Caribbean integration and in other crucial international issues for the defense of peace, development, the environment and programs to combat hunger.

"What happened in Brazil is another expression of the offensive of imperialist forces and the oligarchy against the revolutionary and progressive governments of Latin America and the Caribbean," adds the statement issued by the Cuban government.

It concludes by reaffirming Cuba's unwavering solidarity with President Dilma and comrade Lula, and with the Worker's Party, as well as the Caribbean country's confidence that the Brazilian people will defend the social achievements that have been attained and will resolutely oppose the neo-liberal policies that others may try to impose on them.

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