

# *Clarification Regarding Argentinean Doctors Trained in Cuba*

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Havana, January 7 (RHC)-- The Tatú Project group has clarified that media reports, regarding the nullification of medical credentials of Argentine doctors trained in Cuba, were totally false.

The Tatú Project is made up of young Argentinean graduates from the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM), who are currently providing health services to residents in poor areas of Buenos Aires under the maxim 'A dignified life for all.'

A statement issued by the group said: "There is no legal way to nullify credentials once the qualification has been awarded."

"In the event that a graduate's credentials are questioned," the group explained, "there exists an accord within the framework of the Vienna Convention, which ensures that their status is protected for two years from the date the query is submitted."

The group also clarified that it is the Ministry of Education and not the Ministry of Health, which has the authority to recognize qualifications.

In statements to Prensa Latina news agency, the project's director, Gino Straforini, said: "We are forever grateful to Cuba, its people and leader Fidel Castro, because without this great gesture of solidarity, we would never have become doctors."

The statement by the group also added: "We regret that many sympathetic press agencies have reproduced this unfounded information, creating great confusion."

Over the past 17 years ELAM has trained tens of thousands of young doctors from 60 countries, including the United States. During this time, more than 600 Argentine students have graduated from the institution.

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