

# *United Nations May Hold Special General Assembly Session to Honor Fidel Castro*

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United Nations, December 1 (RHC)-- At the United Nations in New York, representatives of more than 60 nations have visited the Cuban Mission to the UN to express their condolences and solidarity on the passing of Cuban Revolution leader Fidel Castro.

According to Prensa Latina news agency, a number of governments have supported Bolivia's initiative to hold a special session of the General Assembly in tribute to the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, "who defended social justice, peace, anti-imperialism and human progress in harmony with the environment at the United Nations."

Meanwhile, the head of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Irina Bokova, has joined other U.N. figures in paying tribute to Castro. Writing in the book of condolences at the Cuban Embassy in Paris, Bokova expressed her "deepest condolences for the passing of Commander Fidel Castro Ruz, who for more than half a century was a tireless advocate of the disinherited and a promoter of education as a key factor in the cultural, social and human growth of peoples."

Separately, in a letter to President Raul Castro, Bokova recalled Fidel's "leadership in steering his country through difficult times, fighting for the right to education, harnessing the power of achieving free and inclusive education for all through his initiative 'Yo si puedo' ['Yes I can']."

UNESCO's declared mission is "building peace in the minds of men and women" through culture, education and science.

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