

Cuba's Henry Reeve Medical Brigade Proposed as Candidate for Nobel Peace Prize 2015



Norway, Feb. 3 (RHC)-- The Annual Conference of Norway trade unions, gathered in Trondheim, approved to propose Cuba's Henry Reeve International Brigade of Doctors Specialized in Disaster Situations and Serious Epidemics as candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize 2015.

Addressing the meeting, Cuban Ambassador to the European nation María Esther Fiffe highlighted the heroic work carried out by the members of this medical brigade, which has gained worldwide acknowledgement and respect.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, Cuba assembled 1,586 doctors to offer to assist the United States. The offer was declined, and in September, 2005 Cuban leader Fidel Castro created the Henry Reeves international brigade, named after a young American, who died while fighting for Cuba's independence against Spanish colonial rule during the Ten Years' War.

Doctors with the Henry Reeve brigade have been deployed to assist disaster victims in many countries around the world, including Haiti, Indonesia and Chile. More than 250 Cuban collaborators from the Henry Reeve Medical Contingent have been working since October 2014 in six Ebola treatment centers in Sierra

Leone, Liberia and Guinea, with recognized results.

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