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The visit of L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, to Cuba turned into a vivid festival of friendship and fraternity, a manifestation of unity of Soviet and Cuban peoples. Over a million citizens of the Island of Liberty came to the Revolution Square named after Jose Marti to meet L.I. Brezhnev at a mass rally of Cuban-Soviet Friendship. Fidel Castro Ruz, First Secretary of the CC of the Communist Party of Cuba, stressed in his speech that the visit of L.I. Brezhnev was an unforgettable event in the life of the Cuban people, in the development of fraternal relations between the USSR and Cuba. L.I. Brezhnev stated in his speech that each meeting with Cuban comrades was characterised by sincerity, trust and complete mutual understanding. "The current talks, - said L.I. Brezhnev, signify a new stage of Soviet-Cuban cooperation".

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As a result of the talks, L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, and Fidel Castro Ruz, First Secretary of the CC of the Communist Party of Cuba, Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba, signed a Soviet-Cuban Declaration. This Document analyses 15 years of practical cooperation between the first Socialist state in the world and the first Socialist state in Latin America. A program is set for the further regular development of political, economic and cultural relations between the USSR and Cuba. The honourable aims of the co-ordinated foreign policy of Socialist states directed towards detente and the establishment of universal just peace were stressed with new force in the Declaration.

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