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Talking Notes: Launching of the
Cuban-Tanzania Friendship Society
Monday January 25, 1988 at 1700 Hrs.
IFM.

1. EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR INVITATION.
2. 29 years ago (Jan.1,1988) Rebel Army under C in C Fidel Castro entered Havana marking the triumph of Cuban Revolution.
 - Significant that this Society is being launched this Month.
3. Significance of Cuban Revolution.
 - change in socio-political economic conditions.

The Cuban Revolution, from its first days, concentrated its efforts in tackling the problems of underdevelopment, poverty and ignorance. For example, it was able, within one year, to completely wipe out illiteracy in the country. It has now reached a situation whereby not only is secondary education universal and compulsory, but every Cuban citizen is guaranteed university

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education if he or she desires it and has the necessary qualifications. It has provided medical facilities to the most remote areas of Cuba, in a country where ~~few~~ years ago more than 50% of its medical personnel emigrated to the United States. According to the W.H.O, Cuba today has the best medical system in the whole of the Third World and has more doctors than it needs.

- elimination of injustice such as racial discrimination.
- Inspiration to the third World.

4. Cuban support for oppressed people.

- Cuba's support for National Liberation Movement.
- the case of Angola & Cuba's tremendous sacrifices.
- Cuba's support in economic and Technical area e.g. Cuban doctors.

5. Tanzania-Cuba Relations.

- Party & Govt ties
- Exchange of delegations.

- Mwalimu's Visit - 4 times.
- Fidel's visit to Tanzania.
- Other visits.
- Cuban Assistance to Tanzania.
- Doctors
- Agricultural Schools
- Education
- Hundreds of Tanzania students educated in Cuba.

6. Cuba's influential Role in ~~NA~~ G77 and World Affairs.

7. Personal Reflections

- (i) My Association with Cuba began June 1961 where I spent until April, 1962.
- (ii) Ambassador of Tanzania 1970-1980.
- (iii) My impressions of the Cuban Revolution and Cuban commitment.
- (iv) During the campaign for UNSG in 1981 American media claimed wrongly that I was educated in Cuba.

- Fact remains I have great respect and admiration for the Cuban people and the Revolution.

- (v) Role of this Society to consolidate and strengthen relations. other
- our people should know more about each/

In its activities, the Association must try to educate our people, both in the urban and rural areas, on the significance of the Cuban Revolution to us all, its impact on the world revolutionary process, and the contribution that Cuba is making to the course of freedom, development and peace. It is very important also that Cuban art, music and culture, which can be easily understood by our people, is made known to the broad sections of our community. It is also very important that the major episodes of the Cuban revolutionary history and the life profiles of Cuba's leading personalities like Jose Marti, Che Guevara and Fidel Castro, are made known to our Party cadres and to all Tanzanians.

- it should serve as a vehicle to strengthen relations including exploring further avenues for cooperation.