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Dear Mr. Blažević,

Thank you for your letter of 15 December, 2006, to President McAleese, seeking her support for the appeal made by the coalition of European NGOs regarding the necessity to assist the Cuban people as they struggle to shape their own future.

Your interest in writing is appreciated but I very much regret that it would not be appropriate for the President, in view of the constitutional constraints of her office, to be associated with or offer support for any individual project, however worthy. In the circumstances, I am afraid that it is not possible for her to facilitate your request. I am arranging, however, to have your letter referred to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Fitzgerald
Áras Secretariat