

Havana, Dec 11 (acn) UN resident coordinator in Cuba Susan McDade congratulated the island on Monday for its respect for human rights.

In a press conference at the UN venue in Havana, McDade recognized the free and universal nature of medical services on the island and also the access to education at all levels.

She also noted that the ongoing efforts to level all the people's capacity to acquire a basic food basket reflects the government's political will and respect of these and other rights.

The UN official also praised Cuba's decision to sign in 2008 the International Agreement on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Agreement on Civil and Political Rights, as announced on Monday by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque.

In McDade's opinion, these two accords that the island will sign are the most important ones out of the seven established by the United Nations regarding human rights.

She also recalled that Cuba was elected from the very first moment - with more than two thirds of the votes of the UN member countries - to join the UN Council of Human Rights.

Every December 10th, the world celebrates International Human Rights Day.