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**Testimony of GIUSTINO DI CELMO,**

**Father of victim of terrorist attack.**

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Well, I am Giustino Di Celmo.

I am an Italian citizen who came to Cuba with my son Fabio. A lad the kind of which I believe very few are to be found in the world. Without exaggeration, he was a young man who loved children with all his soul, his intelligence and humanity. He would have given his life for any child in this world. And he was the youngest one of my own children. He had expressed to me his wish to continue the work, the commercial activity to which I had dedicated my whole life. And, for me, it was the greatest fortune that the last of my children wanted to continue my work. And so, I brought him for the first time to Cuba.

When the plane took off and we went to the National Hotel, Fabio had already – without exaggeration – tremendously fallen in love with this country. And he, next to me, began to learn of the activity that his father carried out. I remember that after a short time, the expenses at the National Hotel were very high for us, and so we moved to Copacabana Hotel. After a month at the Copacabana Hotel, he already knew all the employees. And everybody fell in love with Fabio. Fabio became a sort of advocate for everyone. And he got mixed with the girls and the boys and with the people of a certain age... Lastly, there was a tragedy one day, when a little girl was drowning in the swimming pool. Since that day, he became a close friend of the lifeguard and when he got back to Copacabana Hotel after working with me, he used to sit next to the lifeguard, to watch the children bathing in the pool. After so many

years, I still cannot find the courage and the strength to stop asking myself why did God do it. But since I am a believer, I feel that God calls the best of this earth to be next to Him. And it is in this way that I calm down and I believe that Fabio is in heaven.

He also fell in love with the political system. He did not know the political system deeply and its every-day activity from before. So, he always said to me: "Dad, this is the only system that can save humanity, because capitalism is a war, a death system, which does not offer humanity any possibility of life. And, throughout the years, if that system does not disappear from the face of the earth, they are going to destroy the most important of humanity: love for everybody, love for life and love for saving – he always said it like this – the children from any danger."

This was my son. This was Fabio.