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"No people on their own however great and rich they might be, much less a middle size or small country, can solve their problems by themselves and on their own. This reality can only be denied for lack of a forward-looking approach, out of political shortsightedness or blindness or a total absence of concern and sensibility for the human destiny".

References to the original: [Speech given on the 40th Anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution. held at Cespedes Park in Santiago de Cuba on January 1st,1999](#)

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