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CARTA DE MADRID:

IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE IBEROSPHERE

More than 700 million people live in the Ibersphere, **a community of free and sovereign nations** that share a deep-rooted cultural heritage and possess a significant economic and geopolitical potential to tackle the future.

The Ibersphere has all the conditions to be a region of **freedom, prosperity and equality under the law**. Its people are not condemned by any kind of historical determinism.

However, a part of the region is kidnapped by totalitarian regimes inspired by communism, supported by drug trafficking and allied countries. All of them, under the umbrella of Cuba and initiatives such as the **São Paulo Forum and the Puebla Group**, infiltrate the circles of power to impose their ideological agenda.

The threat is not limited exclusively to countries suffering from the totalitarian yoke. The ideological and criminal project **that is suppressing the liberties and rights of the people of the region** seeks to advance in other countries and continents, with the goal of destabilizing liberal democracies and the Rule of Law.

May this Charter of Madrid, **supported by political and social leaders with different and even divergent visions and ideas**, serve to affirm that:

- The advance of communism poses a serious **threat to the prosperity and development** of our nations, as well as to the freedoms and rights of our fellow countrymen.
- The **Rule of Law, the separation of powers, freedom of expression and private property** are essential components that guarantee the well-functioning of our societies, and therefore must be especially protected against those who seek to undermine them.
- The defense of our liberties is a task **not only for the political sphere**, but also for institutions, civil society, the media, academia, etc.
- The future of the countries of the Ibersphere must be based on the respect for democracy, human rights, pluralism, human dignity and justice, and therefore the undersigned, **express their commitment to work together** in defense of these values and principles.

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