

**Messages to the March 5 Tokyo Rally Celebrating the International Women's Day 2022
From the Republic of Cuba**

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Dear Comrades:

On behalf of the Embassy of Cuba and myself, I would like to extend the greetings and solidarity to the female members of Shiso Undo on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Amid rising worldwide challenges, I would like to stress Cuba's commitment to defend peace, the opposition to unilateral economic sanctions against any country, and the will of the Cuban Revolution to enhance the role and rights of women in society.

During the last year, Cuba has approved the National Program for the Advancement of Women, which summarizes the position of the Cuban State and continues the work for the advancement and development of gender equality. This program intends to eliminate the objective and subjective factors of discrimination that still exist in Cuban society and hinder economic, political, and social results of women.

In addition to this, the Family Code -a proposed new legal instrument that is currently in a national debate-, aims to promote the emancipation and empowerment of women and the well-being of the family as a whole.

The Cuban experience has shown that women's role in society is a necessary condition for social development.

Let me take this opportunity to reassure Cuba's support for the global efforts to end remaining discrimination against women and achieve gender equality.

Sincerely yours,

Miguel Ángel Ramírez Ramos,
Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba