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“Saving Old Havana, which they were already completely destroying, but which the world now admires as the Heritage of Humanity, all that architecture that has incalculable value, protected, where they were already starting to make heliports and tall buildings. If the Revolution had been delayed a few more years, nothing would remain of Old Havana, which is now not only a cultural center admired by the world but even a center of wealth and income for the country. There isn't a citizen who comes to the capital who doesn't want to go to visit Old Havana, which has been preserved by the Revolution”.

References to the original: [SPEECH IN THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST NATIONAL MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE CREDIT AND SERVICE COOPERATIVES. International Conference Center. Havana. 3 June 1998](#)

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