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Azzedine Mihoubi: The Book Fair is a bridge for relations between Algeria and Cuba

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HAVANA, Cuba, Feb 8 (ACN) The International Book Fair (IDF) is a bridge to enhance cultural cooperation between Cuba and Algeria, the guest of honor at this XXVIII edition, according to Azzedine Mihoubi, Minister of Culture of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, at the opening of the event today in this capital.

The popular literature festival is an opportunity to expose facets that distinguish civilization, history and the humanist contribution of the North African nation, through a rich program which includes several artistic manifestations, he highlighted in the opening ceremony held at the San Carlos de La Cabaña fortress. Our relationship is strengthened by this cultural imprint, and also by sharing with the Cuban people and their leadership the celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the victory of the Revolution over tyranny, he said. Azzedine Mihoubi thanked the Cuban Ministry of Culture, the Book Institute, and the Cuban Institute of Cinematographic Art and Industry for the translation into Spanish of a series of books and films by intellectuals and historians of that African nation, which will be exhibited at the stand dedicated to Algeria at FIL. Titles such as *Un mar sin gaviotas*, *Tierra de mujeres*, *La casa andaluza*, *Eterno Azul*, and *Senderos de Argel*, which are part of the 19 texts translated and published by the Cuban publishing house *Arte y Literatura*, will allow the people of the Island to know the diversity and richness of this culture. The Minister of Culture of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria stressed that Cuba and his country are united by a firm friendship, invariable over the years and based on the common principles of the two

revolutions, whose brotherhood is also due to men like Fidel Castro and Ernesto Guevara.

Cuba was the only country in the Western Hemisphere to have recognized the then provisional government of the Algerian Republic since 1961, and established diplomatic relations the following year, based until today on mutual trust and common interest, as the journalist and intellectual assured.

Among the Algerian delegation's proposals for the Book Fair is an exhibition of more than 70 photographs that will be exhibited in the Casa de África and the Casa del Árabe in Cuba, and show different aspects of life in that country.

Cuban audiences will also be able to enjoy the films *Aroma de Argel*, *Madre* and *Zabana*, which will be screened in the Infanta multiplex.

The opening ceremony of the International Book Fair was presided over by Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of the Councils of States and Ministers of Cuba; Alpidio Alonso, Cuban Minister of Culture; and Eusebio Leal Spengler, historian of the city of Havana, among others.

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