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“While the rest of the world is listening to the drums of war, and resources are squandered on manufacturing ever more sophisticated and destructive weapons, in Cuba we are revolutionizing education to expand the knowledge of new generations, universalizing access to centers of higher learning, taking art schools to every corner of the country, and setting the stage for the enjoyment and pleasure of artistic creation to reach everyone.”.

References to the original: [Discurso pronunciado por el Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz en la inauguración del XVIII Festival Internacional de Ballet de La Habana. 19 de octubre de 2002](#)

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