

## CUBA

**Date of Elections:** 27 November 1986

### **Purpose of Elections**

Elections were held for all seats in Parliament on the normal expiry of the members' term of office.

### **Characteristics of Parliament**

The unicameral Parliament of Cuba, the National Assembly of People's Power, is composed of 510 Deputies elected by the country's municipal assemblies of people's power for a term of 5 years.

### **Electoral System**

All citizens over the age of 16, except the mentally disabled and convicted criminals, are entitled to vote for the country's representatives institutions. All citizens who are at least 18 years of age and have full political rights can be elected as Deputies to the National Assembly. Voting is not compulsory. 1

In the 1986 elections, delegates to the 169 municipal assemblies of people's power were chosen by popular and secret ballot in 13,256 constituencies in the country. In each constituency, the candidate obtaining the largest number of votes cast is considered elected.

After municipal assemblies are constituted, the Deputies to the National Assembly are elected on the basis of secret ballots cast by municipal delegates! The number of Deputies per municipality depends on its population; there is one for every 20,000 inhabitants or fraction above 10,000, so that all municipalities are represented by at least one Deputy.

Each Deputy is accountable to his electors who can recall him in case he betrays their confidence or commits an act unworthy of his office. Vacancies between general elections are filled through by-elections.

### **General Considerations and Conduct of the Elections**

The election of candidates to the 169 municipal assemblies was held on 19 and 26 October 1986.

The electorate was 6,865,344 voters. A total of 6,704,479 (97,65%) went to the polls and elected 12,623 delegates in the first round on 19 October. In the second and final round, a turnout of 93,6% chose the remaining 633 delegates.

From 30 November to 2 December, the sole Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) held the concluding session of its third congress, during which delegates debated a five-year economic programme.

The third five-year term of the National Assembly of People's Power was inaugurated on 29 December 1986. Sr. Flavio Bravo Pardo was elected President of the Assembly and Mr. Fidel Castro was re-elected (by the Assembly) as President of the 31-member Council of State (the highest representative body, being elected from among the Assembly's Deputies). Mr. Castro continues to be the Head of the State and the Government, and the First Secretary of the Cuban Communist Party.

Statistics

1. *Distribution of Deputies according to Sex*

Men . . . . .	337
Women . . . . .	173
	510

2. *Distribution of Deputies according to Age Group*

18-30 years . . . . .	100
31-50 » . . . . .	338
51-60 » . . . . .	60
61 and over . . . . .	12
	510