



Cuban and Canadian participants in Havana's May Day parade, 2001

**For many years,** Cuba has encouraged visits by friendship groups of people of all ages, from around the world, who are interested in learning more about the Cuban Revolution. The annual May Day march is an important moment for Cuba's foreign friends to show their solidarity with the Cuban people. This photograph from the Canada Cuba Friendship Association shows just such an encounter between a Canadian stu-

dent from Queen's University and a Cuban participant at Havana's May Day march in 2001.

**Today,** the point of contact for the greatest number of Canadians and Cubans is tourism. More than 400,000 Canadian tourists travel to Cuba every year, which means that more than one percent of the entire population of Canada visits the island annually. Two recent Canadian tourists who went the extra mile when they came to Cuba were Heather Harding and Eric Legault, both officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). In 2002 they decided to tie the knot on the sparkling white sands of Varadero.