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"Without culture, freedom is not possible. The accuracy of this claim is what inspires our efforts today. And for us, culture is not limited to artistic pursuits, but rather, it encompasses a concept of comprehensive general culture that includes professional training and basic knowledge of a wide range of disciplines in the sciences, arts and humanities".

References to the original: [Key address at the opening ceremony of the 18th Havana International Ballet Festival, October 19, 2002](#)

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