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## Puerto Rico and Cuba to play for ticket to Brno

HAVANA, Cuba, March 19, 2013 – Puerto Rico and Cuba will meet on Wednesday for a ticket to the FIVB U-20 Women's Volleyball World Championship to be played in Brno, Czech Republic next June.

Both sides improved their win-loss records to 2-0 following their success in Tuesday's outings at Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum in Havana, a facility with 15,000 seats.

Puerto Rico and Cuba blanked Costa Rica and Chile in straight sets to set the stage for the clash between the top two teams in Pool B.

In Pool A, comprised of teams qualified to the world championship, Mexico scored an upset-victory in four sets over Dominican Republic while Colombia defeated Peru also in four frames.

### Colombia 3, Peru 1

Colombia defeated Peru 3-1 (25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21) in the second round of Pool A. The biggest damage was produced by the attack of Diana Arrechea Diana (22) and Mary Martinez (20) to prevail in the tough contested game that extended for almost two hours. Danna Escobar added 13. For the losers Angela Leyva (15) and Izabot Bravo (11) were the only with double digits.

### Mexico 3, Dominican Republic 1

Mexico achieved an important victory over Dominican Republic in four sets (19-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-15) in Pool A. The Dominicans dominated in the first set but failed serves at key moments. The Mexican Alejandra Isirdia led with 27 points while Lisbeth Sainz and Patricia Valle contributed 16 and 11 respectively. Brayelin Martinez had 20 for the losers and Pamela Soriano had 15.

### Puerto Rico 3, Costa Rica 0

Puerto Rico grabbed its second win in Pool B by easily defeating Costa Rica in straight sets (25-9, 25-5, 25-11). In the match that lasted just 61 minutes, Daly Santana and Pilar Victoria

were the top scorers for the winners with 17 and 11 points respectively.

### Cuba 3, Chile 0

Cuba beat Chile in consecutive frames (25-20, 25-20, 25-22) to collect its second triumph in Pool B. Despite their failures in the serves, the winners could score with 10 aces and totaled eight blocks against the weak team of Costa Rica. Cuban Sulian Matienzo was the top scorer with 16, supported by Yaremis Mendaro, who had 14. Catalina Melo was the best Costa Rica with 11.

