

Resolution on the situation in Cuba

The IDC-EDI strongly condemns the lack of freedom in Cuba and the persistent systematic repression against dissenters of the communist regime. It denounces that over recent years, the Cuban government has enabled itself with various legal instruments, including a new criminal code, to repress the exercising of human rights, including those included in the socialist Constitution itself.

The IDC-EDI demands the immediate and unconditional release of over one thousand political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, including minors, elderly and the ill, who are currently being held in Cuban prisons.

The IDC-EDI is greatly concerned by the lack of a federal response to the impoverishment being suffered by most Cuban families, the food crisis, the serious situation of the health system, and other social problems, which, along with the repression, have left millions of Cubans desperate to emigrate. The people of Cuba are experiencing a suffocating present and a disturbing lack of future.

Within this crisis context, the IDC-EDI denounces that the Cuban government is investing more money in the hotel industry than in sectors that are essential to the life of its people, such as health and agriculture.

The IDC-EDI warns Latin American citizens that the so-called “Cuban model” should not be imitated or implemented in the region.

The IDC-EDI calls on the democratic governments of Europe and Latin America participating in the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit of Heads of State and Government in Brussels next July, to demand that totalitarian and authoritarian regimes such as those of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, respect human rights and cease to undermine democratic principles and values in third countries of the region. Likewise, these countries should be urged to immediately halt their support of Russia in its invasion of Ukraine, as a sign of international peace and stability.

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