

## **Resolution on the current situation in Cuba**

The *Centrist Democrat International*, considering the Cuban regime's failure to guarantee its citizens a country in which all of their human rights are respected and where they can live in dignity; noting the serious state of impoverishment and repression which, over the past two years, has led to the emigration of over 425,000 Cubans to the United States alone; and convinced that the talented and noble Cuban people deserve a free, just and prosperous homeland, demands that the ruling elite in Cuba:

- 1) For the good of the Cuban people, initiate a process of peaceful transition toward a multi-party democracy and a social market economy, including all Cuban political and civil movements.
- 2) Immediately cease repression, repeal laws criminalizing the exercising of rights and release prisoners being held on political and conscientious grounds.
- 3) Open the country to all Cubans, wherever they live, so that they can rebuild Cuba in all areas, with the assistance of the international community.

We also call upon the democratic governments of Latin America, the United States, the European Union and the Paris Club, to join with this request, as the best and only means out of the serious crisis facing the island of Cuba and to put an end to so much unnecessary suffering.

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