

## **RESOLUTION ON CUBA**

- CDI-IDC joins the recommendations recently made to the Cuban government by an important number of states in the framework of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), to ratify, without delay and without reservations, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- 2. CDI-IDC condemns the disrespectful way with which the Cuban government has totally rejected the recommendations on human rights put forward by the independent Cuban civil society in the framework of the UPR, and joins the demands of Cuban society for the government to recognize the pluralistic character of Cuban society and, consequently, carry out the necessary constitutional and legal changes allowing for every citizen to participate with total legitimacy and freedom in the political, economic and social life of the country.
- 3. CDI-IDC reiterates its demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners including the national coordinator of the Christian Liberation Movement (MCL), Eduardo Cardet, and the Cuban scientist Ariel Ruiz Urquiola, both recognized as prisoners of conscience by Amnesty International, and an important number of activists of the Cuban Patriotic Union and the Ladies in White.
- 4. With regard to the application of the EU-Cuban Agreement on Political Dialogue and Cooperation with Cuba, CDI-IDC exhorts the European Union not to relegate to second place the demand to respect human rights on the island, and to condition any financial aid to the realization of democratic reforms by the government of Miguel Diaz-Canel.

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