

Resolution on Cuba

We declare that, having conducted several constitutional referendums over the last few years supported by over 35,000 Cuban citizens with a right to vote, having denounced the fraudulent 2018 elections, the only response from the regime has been the so-called “official” 2019 referendum, which has only culminated in repression, as well as the violation of the laws in force on the island by the institutions that represent the regime, and the consolidation of the privileges of the economic military junta.

The IDC-CDI urges for:

- 1- Legal recognition and guarantee of the right of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, and economic freedom for all Cuban people.
- 2- The release of all political prisoners and the cancellation of all penalties for political motives still in force.
- 3- The recognition of the MCL’s National Coordinator, Eduardo Cardet, recently released after an unjust three-year prison sentence, so that he can exercise his rights and work to promote Christian Democrat and Centrist values for the benefit of Cuba, with no harassment and with no threat to his bodily integrity on the part of the repressive bodies of the regime and its agents provocateur.
- 4- We ask that the Cuban regime recognise and respect the right of each and every Cuban, on and off the island, to elect—and be elected for—the government of the country, and soon call free and pluralist elections, acknowledging the requests proposed in the ‘Un cubano, un voto’ [One Cuban, one vote] initiative.
- 5- We ask that the Cuban regime recognise the right of all Cubans to return to Cuba, and to leave Cuba if and when they wish. In this context, we insist on the respect and guarantee of the right of the Spokesperson of the Cuban Liberation Movement, Regis Iglesias Ramirez to return to his country, Cuba, as well as that of all Cubans who so wish and are not permitted to do so as punishment for their criticism of the regime.
- 6- We also ask for the creation of an Independent International Commission of experts to investigate the deaths of Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero.

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