

For Democracy and Human Rights in Cuba

The European and Latin American parliamentarians gathered in the Summit of the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba declare ourselves in favor of human rights and democracy as the principles that unite us and have called us here.

For this:

We denounce the Cuban regime's violation of human rights and obstruction of democracy.

We regret that the Cuban government has not accepted the visit of the special human rights rapporteur of the United Nations, despite the repeated resolutions that have been approved in Geneva on this topic.

We regret that the Cuban government has not fulfilled the agreements of the Ibero-American Summit of Viña del Mar, held in 1996, where it committed itself to monitoring the freedoms of expression, association and assembly, full access to information, free, regular and transparent elections of leaders.

We regret that the Cuban government did not heed the resolution of the Latin American Parliament to allow its Human Rights Commission to meet in Havana, this past April 1 and 2.

We regret that the Cuban government has not given visas to legislators who are members of the International Parliamentary Union to visit Cuba.

We demand the immediate liberation of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience who have been deprived of their freedom for seeking a democratic opening and respect for human dignity.

We support the European Union's position in favor of human rights in Cuba and we ask that this position be maintained, given that the Cuban government has not given signs of change in its policies on the subject.

We call on the legislators of Europe and the Americas to unite and promote in all the international parliamentary entities the respect for human rights and the promotion of democracy in Cuba.

We hereby establish in this Summit the INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARIANS for Democracy in Cuba.

International Commission of Parliamentarians for Democracy in Cuba

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