



Hon. Mrs. Federica Mogherini
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Government of Italy

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Dear Madam,

According to news gathered by the press (Agencia EFE), we have become aware of your statements regarding the position you are willing to take with regards to Cuba, if you are definitely designated High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

In your statements you declare your willingness to start **“a constructive dialogue about Human Rights”** with the Cuban authorities. Also you have mentioned that **“it is necessary to support the small economic reforms”** which are being currently undertaken by the Republic of Cuba.

From the Observatorio Cubano de Derechos Humanos, we concur with your view that **“without doubt, more can be done”**. In fact, a starting point could be to inform the Cuban people with transparency, about the topics and the outcomes of the discussions held between the European Union and the Cuban authorities, of which not a single word has transcended.

For us, Cuban exiles, that truly believe that a constructive dialogue on Human Rights could be beneficiary, it is necessary that **“the entire Cuban nation is equally represented”** in such dialogue.

During the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Ministers of the EU we said: “the political transition of a country makes sense and can be successful if in the preliminary conversations and decisions all the necessary parties intervene; otherwise, this political transition would only be a series of encounters to talk about the Cubans, but not to talk with the Cubans, and not even to talk between Cubans”.

We democrats work to be able to create a fair society with equal rights and opportunities for everybody, without excluding from the future many people who currently hold key posts in the Cuban government. But it is essential not to lower the standards we apply to people who have to accept that the human dignity, social fairness, social justice and the liberties of everybody have to be respected; hence our conviction that any negotiation with La Habana must be based on two pillars: the respect for Human Rights and a dialogue inclusive with the Cubans and between Cubans.

We take this occasion to congratulate you for your new post and thank you in advance for your good disposition.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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