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The Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum

RESOLUTION

Calling for support of Cuba's pro-democracy movement

The convening meeting, 2010 March 12

Whereas the pro-democracy movement in Cuba has grown at a rapid pace over the last three years, and specific expressions of the movement are evident today in the explosion of bloggers on the island, independent journalists, musicians, artists, writers, and others, who are using their talents to denounce the atrocities of the dictatorship all while putting forth new ideas for the transition to democracy;

Whereas there are still extraordinary obstacles to overcome such as the continued repression by the totalitarian dictatorship, extremely limited access to the internet and "texting" capabilities, and a lack of a coherent message of solidarity from the international community;

Whereas the dictatorship is fearful of the growth of the pro-democracy movement;

Whereas the message of the Movement is coherent and clear in demanding freedom for all Cuban political prisoners, beginning with those who are gravely ill inside the prison, freedom of expression and free, fair multi-party elections with international supervision;

Whereas this common position of the Cuban pro-democracy movement requires greater recognition, dissemination and solidarity on the part of the Community of Democracies;

Whereas now more than ever the Cuban pro-democracy movement requires that the democratic community takes concrete steps to demonstrate its solidarity; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum --

Condemns the brutality of the Cuban regime against Cuban political prisoners;

Expresses its full support for the Cuban pro-democracy movement;

Honors Cuban pro-democracy fighters such as the martyr Orlando Zapata Tamayo and expresses its admiration for the efforts of other heroes such as Guillermo Fariñas;

Calls for the immediate release of all Cuban political prisoners and free multiparty elections in Cuba; and

Calls on the democratic community to take concrete steps in demonstrating their solidarity with the Cuban pro-democracy movement by providing humanitarian and technological assistance to

the pro-democratic movement, urging certain foreign diplomatic posts in Havana to strengthen contacts with pro-democratic activists on the island, encouraging foreign dignitaries to visit Cuba for the sole purpose of meeting with pro-democratic activists, and looking for opportunities to reiterate and support the common position of the Cuban pro-democracy movement in the international community.