

Democratic Solidarity Statement on Cuba

We, the undersigned, express our support and solidarity with members of the San Isidro Movement, a project of young artists and intellectuals from Cuba. Members of this Movement are besieged on its premises in Havana by the police and State security agents demanding the freedom of young rapper musician Denis Solís. Denis has been imprisoned and sentenced in summary trial without respecting due process, only for exercising freedom of expression, one of the basic fundamental rights.

We urge the Cuban authorities to assume, in line with their recent election to the United Nations Human Rights Council, an attitude commensurate with their responsibilities with international humanitarian law and human rights. Some members of the Movement have decided to go on a hunger strike and others also to thirst strike as an extreme resource to achieve an effective response to their demand. We fear for their lives and we firmly believe that it is only in the hands of the Cuban government to avoid a fatal outcome for young people who want to live in freedom, for Cuban families and for civilized coexistence in Cuba.

The Cuban government can do something more – respect the commitment made with the international community in the matter of human rights and respect those constitutional rights endorsed in its own Constitution that recognize, although not in a way corresponding to a society based on the rule of law, certain liberties to Cubans.

Governments owe to their citizens, not citizens to their governments.

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