

European Politicians Demand Reform for the Freedom of Expression in Cuba



Just as it is possible to unite the voices of artists and journalists, from the European Parliament, **politicians from a broad political spectrum have created a united demand for immediate reform and an increased commitment for the freedom of expression in Cuba**, directing themselves towards Federica Mogherini, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in the European Union.

A broad group of European representatives has proclaimed a definite and unequivocal backing of the freedom of expression in Cuba. Their declaration comes after a round of recent discussions between the Caribbean nation and the European Union, which have been moderated by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in the European Union.

In response, **Mogherini has declared that Human Rights occupy a privileged place on the agenda of meetings with Cuba.** The representatives have asserted that it is important to obtain “**a more effective reaction rather than an epistolary exchange**” as it is undeniable that repression on the island has not decreased, as is decried by many human rights groups.

Finally, the group of signatories **urge the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy in the European Union not to forget the artists and activists in Cuba that are fighting for freedom of expression**, such as Tania Bruguera and Danilo Maldonado (El Sexto), among others, and urge her **to insist that the Cuban Government drop all charges that the regime has accused them of**, and to demand their liberation.

Read the **CORRESPONDENCE** in the following links:

- **From MEPs to High Representative** (24th April 2015, Brussels) - <http://ow.ly/OKyG2>
- **Response High Representative** (26th May, 2015, Brussels) - <http://ow.ly/OKzwK>
- **Response to High Representative from MEPs** (12th June, Brussels) - <http://ow.ly/OKA6u>

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